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## Saving Money Rocks!

### Did you know?

**Ben Franklin helped to stop counterfeiters...** In the 1700s, it was pretty easy to print money that looked real. But it was Franklin who finally hit on a good idea in 1739: He cast real leaves in lead and called it the "nature print." He kept the process so secret that no one figured out how he did it until the 1960s.

Hi Kids! I'm Scooter the Savasaurus, Midland Credit Union's Kids Club mascot. Some of you have met me in person at one of our Club events. I have the 411 on being a super saver, and I'm totally about telling you how you can be one too! You've got to start with earning money. Do you get an allowance? If not, how about working out a plan with your parents to earn extra cash by doing chores around the house? Or, what about your neighbors? If you're old enough, you can babysit, mow the lawn, clean windows, or weed a garden for money. What else can you think of? How about a lemonade stand? Do you have toys or games laying around you don't need anymore? Have a toy sale in your front yard. Okay, so you have the moolah, now comes the important part. Take your money and divide it into four equal piles. Take one of the piles and deposit it in your Savasaurus account. You can either use the rest for spending, or spend one, give one to your parents to put in a special "long term savings" account (for college) and give one away to church or a charity. Make a deposit regularly (like one a week or once a month). PLUS, for every deposit you make in your Savasaurus account, you earn points toward prizes!



### Fun Money Facts & Trivia

**What was the highest value note ever printed?**

\$100,000 Gold Certificate, Series 1934 These notes are not circulated to the general public.

**What is the most common bill printed today?**

The \$1 bill.

**Posthumous portraits only, please.**

Since 1866, U.S. law has prohibited portraits of any living person on currency.

### New Cents

Over the years, there have been many design changes for the one-cent coin. Usually, the 25-year minimum has to pass between redesigns. But, thanks to the 2009 Lincoln Bicentennial One Cent Program, there will be four design changes within 2009! This year is not only the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, but the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln cent as well, first appearing in 1909. The Lincoln image will remain on the front of all four cents in the new program. On the back, four different images will highlight four parts of Lincoln's life. These coins will be issued about 3 months apart in the order they happened (you can scroll down to see them). The circulating version of these coins will use the same standard inscriptions and the same metal content as have been used recently. A special version of these coins for collectors will also be made. The coins will look the same, but will contain the

metals that were used in the original 1909 cent (95 percent copper, 5 percent tin and zinc) instead of the modern cent's mix (2.5 percent copper, the rest zinc). After the 2009 Lincoln Bicentennial One Cent Program ends, the design on the back of the one-cent coin will represent the unity of the states, which President Lincoln worked so hard to restore and preserve.

