

## **\*\*\*Scrip News\*\*\***

**American Express® Prepaid Gift Cards** are now available in \$100 and \$200 denominations at 1.5% profit. Until the order form is updated, please write quantities wanted in the lines provided at the bottom of the order form.

The American Express Gift Card is redeemable anywhere American Express is accepted – including mail order, online and brick and mortar establishments. That includes these fine retailers: Target, Costco, Kroger, Publix, Nordstrom and many many others. The American Express prepaid card is a great gift item, and it's also handy for those times when traditional scrip cards cannot be used.

### **Important Facts You Need To Know About American Express Gift Cards**

While the American Express Prepaid Gift Card can be used at over a million U.S. locations, it cannot be used for car rental, casinos, ATMs and some international airlines. In addition:

- It is not a credit, charge or debit card.
- The Gift Card cannot be used at cruise lines, for recurring billing purchases, or at casinos or ATMs.
- Usage restrictions apply for international airlines.
- Use your Gift Card soon! While you may leave Available Funds on the Gift Card, starting 12 months after the date your Gift Card was purchased by Great Lakes Scrip Center, and subject to applicable law, a monthly service fee of \$2.00 will be deducted from your Available Funds.
- Please read the American Express Gift Card Cardholder Agreement for more information.

### **Why It's Critical To Know Your Gift Card Balance**

If you wish to use your Gift Card to purchase an item for more than the Available Funds, many national merchants – but not all – will accept your gift card and automatically offer you the opportunity use another form of payment to pay the balance of the final purchase price.

This is called a "split tender" transaction because you would be splitting the final transaction amount between your Gift Card and another form of payment.

**If you're not sure of the merchant's policy regarding a "split tender" transaction, it's critical to know the exact balance of your American Express Gift Card.** You can check the amount of funds available on your Gift Card by visiting [www.americanexpress.com/giftcard](http://www.americanexpress.com/giftcard) or calling American Express toll free within the United States at 1-877-AXP-GIFT, which is the telephone number printed on the back of your Gift Card.

Once you know your balance, you **MUST** ask the Merchant if two forms of payment will be accepted for the purchase you wish to make. If the Merchant agrees, first request that the Merchant place a specific dollar amount on the other form of payment (e.g., the final transaction amount less the balance of funds available on your Gift Card), and then use your Gift Card to pay the remaining balance. Some retailers, particularly department stores, will only allow a "split tender" transaction if the second form of payment is cash or check. Internet and most mail order merchants do not permit "split tender" transactions. We do not guarantee that the Merchant will accept two forms of payment, such as two gift cards.