

# MAKING LIFE MORE FUN

## Gear Up For A Summer Trip To Remember

(NAPSA)—Kids grow up so fast, but summer trips are the perfect time to make lasting family memories. Coordinating the ideal trip takes a little work, but with the right equipment and gadgets, it can be one for the scrapbooks.

First, you'll have to decide on the type of trip you are taking. Is it the quintessential American road trip? Or perhaps a getaway by jet to a quiet beach with the family? Once you've determined this, you'll be able to determine the right gear to pack.

**Going by Land:** With the advent of the iPod, it is easy for everyone to have his or her own entertainment going. Why not make the car trip interactive by playing "Pass the DJ"? It's an easy and fun game to play with the Griffin iTrip. (It can be found at Target for \$79.99.) It allows you to transmit the signal from your iPod to your car's FM radio. Everyone can take turns playing one song each. You never know, maybe you'll find out your kids like The Eagles after all. Oh, and as an added bonus, the iTrip will keep the iPods charged up.

**Going by Air:** Video games are a great way to pass the time while putting up with the cramped confines of air travel. Nintendo's new DSi (\$169.99) handheld gaming device has some cool games and features, like the ability to play against one another wirelessly, a



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built-in digital camera and even the ability to play back your favorite music.

**The Essentials:** When you reach your destination, you'll need to make sure you have the key to capturing those special memories—a great digital camera. For video, consider the small but powerful Flip Ultra for \$149.99. When you are done capturing video, footage can be easily transferred by simply plugging the Flip directly into your computer's USB slot. For still shots, the Canon S220 (\$149.99) has a myriad of features that make it the perfect point-and-shoot camera for your summer journey.

The great news about all of this travel gear is that it is widely available and can even be picked up at a place such as Target while you're stocking up on toiletries and snacks for the big trip. You'll have more time to focus on creating those memories and spend less time figuring out how to make them happen.