

MAKING FAMILY LIFE MORE FUN



Make Amusement Park Daydreams A Safe Reality

(NAPSA)—If your children are daydreaming of turns, spins, laughs and fun at the nearest amusement and water park, they're not alone. Kids of all ages love to seek out the nearest roller coaster or wave pool and spend hours exploring the thrills and excitement these parks have to offer. According to the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA), this year will excite fun seekers with the opening of new attractions. These include:

New Attractions

- **Anchor Bay**—Lake Compounce (Bristol, Connecticut), the nation's oldest amusement park, is adding a relaxing and cooling retreat with its new 800-foot-long lazy river.

- **Disco H2O**—This retro-raft ride will have visitors thinking they took a trip back in time at Wet 'n Wild (Orlando, Florida).

- **Fear Factor Live**—A spin-off show of NBC's wildly popular television reality show, this exhibit lets visitors test their strength and courage at Universal Studios (Orlando, Florida and Universal City, California).

- **Hades**—The world's longest underground roller coaster drops into darkness and bursts out on the other side of Mount Olympus Water & Theme Park (Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin).

- **Kingda Ka**—Six Flags Great Adventure (Jackson, New Jersey) tops all other parks with the installation of the tallest and fastest roller coaster in the world, which goes from 0 to 128 mph in



Everyone can still have fun when they put safety first at the amusement park.

3.5 seconds and 456 feet in the air.

- **SheiKra**—The first dive coaster in North America features an underground tunnel and water-feature finale at Busch Gardens (Tampa Bay, Florida).

- **Soarin'**—At Epcot Center, Walt Disney World (Orlando, Florida). Riders glide over a picturesque movie sequence of breathtaking vistas of Yosemite and redwood forests.

To ease your planning time, IAAPA has named www.ticketforfun.com the official resource for amusement parks worldwide. At www.ticketforfun.com, visitors have access to a comprehensive directory of amusement parks and attractions from around the world.

Amusement Park and Attractions Safety Tips

- Dress comfortably but avoid open-toed shoes and dangling clothing or jewelry. Protect yourself with sunscreen and a hat,

even on cloudy days.

- Upon arriving at the park, designate a place to meet immediately if anyone is separated from your party. Also implement the buddy system so no one in your party is left alone.

- Observe all posted rules and follow the verbal instructions given by ride operators.

- Obey listed age, height, weight and health restrictions.

- Keep hands, arms, legs and feet inside the ride at all times and remain in the ride until it comes to a complete stop and you are instructed to exit the ride.

- Always use the safety equipment provided and do not attempt to wriggle free of these restraints.

Water Park Safety Tips

- Dress appropriately, including water shoes, a hat and loose shirt for when you've had enough sun.

- Apply waterproof sunscreen before leaving home (reapply throughout the day) and drink plenty of fluids.

- Make sure nonswimmers and weak swimmers have a life vest. Bring your own if you are unsure of availability and fit.

- Children in diapers should be dressed in swim diapers to minimize leakage.

- Read the sign at every water park ride and obey its rules and experience-level guidelines.

- Designate a meeting place in the instance someone is separated from your party and use the buddy system.

To start researching your family vacation, visit www.ticketforfun.com.