

MAKING FAMILY LIFE MORE FUN

Play Together, Save Together—

Rediscover Game Nights For Affordable Family Fun

(NAPSA)—Spending time together as a family can strengthen bonds and provide relaxation—plus it's just plain fun.

Unfortunately, getting everyone together can sometimes be pricey. Attending a sporting event, planning a day at a theme park or even spending a night at the movies for a family of four can put a serious dent in your wallet.

Fortunately, there are many ways to have fun while cutting costs. For instance, many families are opting to stay in rather than go out, finding game nights the perfect, economical antidote. Additionally, parents are finding that family game nights come with an extra benefit: They help establish family rituals as they create cherished memories.

Running the Numbers

So what's a family game night really worth? A night out at any major sporting event can easily run more than \$125. That includes a family-pack "deal" on tickets for \$80, lot parking for \$20 and sodas and hot dogs for four costing \$38. Visiting the nearby amusement park quickly adds up to more than \$100 a person when tickets, snacks and souvenirs are factored in. Even a night spent catching the latest blockbuster on the big screen can set a family back \$50 or more when you factor in the cost of non-matinee tickets, large popcorn, four sodas and a couple of candy snacks to share.

In comparison, family game



Family game night can be an inexpensive way to spend valuable time together.

night is an affordable option that delivers lasting laughs—and provides a game that can be played again and again. For instance, for less than \$30 you can purchase a family-friendly game, such as "Cranium Family Edition," and enough snacks and beverages to keep everyone happy.

Finding the perfect game isn't as hard as you may think, even if you and your daughter love the spontaneity of Pictionary, your son prefers Monopoly and your in-laws are word wizards with Scrabble. Just be sure to keep the game selection fresh by rotating which family member gets to pick the evening's game, or level the playing field with games like "Cranium Family Edition," which keeps everyone engaged with multiple activities geared for both kids and adults.

"Cranium Family Edition" and a host of other great family game-night favorites are available at most major retailers and online at www.hasbrotoyshop.com.