

# Roughing It Made Easy

(NAPSA)—Planning a family camping vacation can go surprisingly well when you follow these simple tips:

**The tent is everything—**Beautiful days can turn into stormy nights. Make sure you have a tent that can withstand extreme weather. Look for a tent that not only keeps you dry, but will stand up to the test of time, as well. For instance, look at the poles. Have they been powder coated? Powder coated poles are rust-resistant and durable, not to mention lightweight. Investing in a good quality tent will save you money down the road because you won't have to replace it as often.



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**With so many camping products available in powder coated finishes, you can truly have the comforts of home away from home.**

**Plan ahead—**Make sure you know how to set up your tent in the dark just in case you reach your campsite late. Make a list of everything you will need and check it off. You don't want to leave without a flashlight or lantern, especially if you're stumbling toward the bathroom at three in the morning.



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**Make a list of what you'll need when out in the wild. Powder coated cooking equipment and furniture are durable and will make life easier.**

**Bring food supplies—**We all know that the point of a camping trip is to rough it and live off the land for a few days, but how much fun is starving? Bring along snacks like trail mix, hard salami, and energy bars. And don't forget to bring a grill table for all those fish you do catch. You can get powder coated grill tables that are easy to clean and will last through years of trips. Powder coated folding tables and chairs are also available.

**Prepare for bugs—**Don't forget your insect repellent, and keep your tent zipped. A swarm of mosquitoes can ruin a great trip, so think about bringing along one of the new powder coated mosquito traps or some citronella candles.

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