

Tips To Perk Up Your Road Trips

(NAPSA)—As families pack up their cars and hit the road, convenience becomes the key to hassle-free and fun-filled vacations. Whether you're looking for relaxation on the beach, a day at a nearby park or a camping excursion, the following tips will help make your plans more enjoyable:

- Planning a road trip is fun and exciting, but it's important to be well prepared for possible bumps along the way. When packing up the car, it's a good idea to include a battery-operated flashlight and radio, as well as flares, plenty of water and a warm blanket for unexpected climate changes. And be sure to keep a well-stocked first-aid kit in the glove compartment.

- Outdoor cuisine can be hit or miss when you're spending a few days camping or hiking. Coffee, in particular, can be inconvenient to make when you're away from home. However, a jar of Maxwell House Instant Coffee provides a great tasting "pick-me-up" that's easy to prepare, so there's no need to pack a coffee maker: just add hot water. And if you're trying to beat the heat, mix Maxwell House Instant Coffee with cold water and ice for a refreshing iced coffee.

- Keep everyone entertained during your trip with a few versatile games that appeal to all ages.



A deck of cards, for example, can be used to play a variety of games in the car. For longer trips, bring along a family-favorite board game and create new rules and ways to play it. A scavenger hunt is another fun activity that can be played at a nearby park or around a campsite.

- Tents and sleeping bags are no longer the only options for sleeping under the stars. Recreational vehicles (RVs) are becoming increasingly popular. To test drive the RV lifestyle, you can rent a range of RVs, from pop-up campers to luxury motor homes, via the Internet. Cabin rentals and air mattresses can also provide you with the necessary creature comforts.

A little planning will go a long way on the road to a carefree and fun-filled trip.