



TIPS ON TRIPS



Traveling With Kids Can Be A Real Trip

(NAPSA)—A vacation with children can be fun and adventurous—even when you're in the car. With more families looking for affordable travel, the freedom of the open road presents a variety of opportunities that won't drain your finances. Following these simple tips can help ensure you'll have a great trip:

Make it a hip trip

Travel isn't as painful as it was in pioneer days. Thanks to today's technology, children can be entertained with wireless car CD players, video-in-a-bag movies and electronic games that they can share. Don't forget extra batteries. But for some old-fashioned low-tech fun, try license plate games or sing-alongs which are bound to make the family trip more memorable.

School's out, Fun's in

Even when the kids are on a school break, they can keep on learning. A road trip is a terrific time to spark creativity. Pack your car with activity kits, books and games to keep them busy and focused. You can find great deals on crayons, drawing paper and game sets at popular closeout retailers like Big Lots. Closeout shopping can make a small investment pay off in a big way. Big Lots, for instance, has a huge selection of educational toys to make learning fun and help kids pass the time constructively. Also, don't forget to stow some extra snacks for those hungry little learners.



Planning ahead can help make family road trips more enjoyable.

Better safe than sorry

Before you go, make sure your vehicle is road-ready. Check your tire pressure and make sure your spare tire is operational and secure. Stock up on items like flashlights, flares, blankets and a first-aid kit. And always alert neighbors and family regarding your travel route in case of an emergency.

Big Lots, America's largest broadline closeout retailer, offers savings of 20 to 40 percent on a variety of snacks, games, toys, car items and stationery products so you can put your savings to good use. Think about picking up souvenirs along the way to reward your children for good behavior.

Big Lots operates more than 1,350 retail stores in 45 states. To learn more, or to find the location nearest you, visit the Web site at www.biglots.com.