

# Family Trip Plan: Week Ahead

## ○ Saturday

- 30-minute planning session.
- Prepare a grocery list.
- Prepare an incidental list.
- Schedule a car appointment.
- Tell kids where we are going:
  - Show on map
  - Give them stuff to read
  - Discuss

## ○ Sunday

- Worship, ask for protection on the upcoming trip.
- Stop at store for some items.
- Arrange for pet care, house sitting, newspaper and mail pick-up, etc.
- Take a close-up photo of each child to have on hand just in case.

## ○ Monday

- Take car to mechanic.
  - Check tires (including spare)
  - Lube-Oil-Filter
  - General routine maintenance
  - Look for problems and fix
- Kids read about trip sites:
  - Geology
  - History
  - Geography
  - People

## ○ Tuesday

- Kids wash the car.
- Clean the car windows inside and out.
- Clean out the car interior.
  - Remove all trash, stones, etc.
- Study websites of the area, print out useful pages to bring along.

## ○ Wednesday

- Set up staging area.
- Check out your destination on Google Earth; follow the highways and look at street views of where we will be going.

## ○ Thursday

- Move some items to car:
  - Tent
  - Sleeping Pads
  - Sleeping Bags
- Pack suitcase.
- Attach Equipment Racks.
- Kids write an essay about the area.

## ○ Friday

- Lay out traveling clothes.
- Go over checklist again, pick up any last minute items.
- Complete the staging area.
- Top off gasoline in car.
- Food preparation.
- Fill 6 gallon water jug(s).
- Make or buy ice.
- Load suitcase into the car.
- Check road conditions.
- Remove items from your wallet that won't be needed where you're going, such as library cards and department-store charge cards.

## ○ Saturday

- Get ready.
- Get dressed.
- Check traffic reports.
- Turn off/unplug computers, appliances, etc.
- Set A/C.
- Close all windows.
- Lock all doors.
- Drive away!
  
- NOTE: During the trip encourage the kids to take photos, videotape, draw pictures, collect and label specimens, take GPS readings, keep a journal, and share what they learned from the prior week's studies.

- After the trip encourage the kids to make a multi media presentation including writing, speaking, photos, videos, audio, specimens, etc.