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If you're like most people, you're probably trying to save money these days by eating fewer, cutting coupons and putting down big-ticket item purchases. It also means that you can stay home for spring break this year because you just can't spend the money. The good news is that you and your kids can still enjoy a fun spring break at home. You've heard about icing, and we have some ideas about yours. Advertising Contents Create tents in the backyard and have a backyard camping trip! Pack up the sleeping bags, shoot the grill and grab a couple of flashlights and lawn chairs. Don't let anyone back in the house except use the bathroom, of course. And leave your laptops, cell phones and handhelds behind. Remember, you're camping. There's a feast at the barbecue for dinner, and don't forget the s'mores for dessert. When the night sets in, organize a few games with the kids. Try the flashlight tag, tell ghost stories and even play board games by candlelight. Be creative! If you can, invite some neighbors and their kids to the camp. The more, the more fun. Advertising If the weather makes it impossible to get outside and you have a video game system, host video games at the Olympics. Choose video games that are short - not long adventure games; Otherwise, people who don't play will get bored. Choose games like bowling, ski jumping and tennis. If you are planning your video game for the Olympics in advance, you can create tournaments and award prizes or trophies to the top three finishers in each category. If you have a lot of people involved, you can even break all up on teams and wear team colors. Make it even more fun by creating gas stations for sports drinks, protein bars and fruits, so that everyone feels like a real athlete! Advertising Another great indoor action is a movie marathon. Plan your film marathon in advance. Is this a topic, like alien movies or slapstick comedies? Or any family member can choose a favorite movie? Since you are a staycation, you can even choose movies that feature family vacations. Then go to Hollywood For a day. There is a red carpet in the TV room (you can use red vinyl tablecloth). Get the classic movies and actors ready. Dress up your favorite movie star or character and take red carpet photos of each other. To kill the movie, roast each other with sparkling juice or cider. Settle with lots of pillows and comfortable seating. And don't forget the popcorn. Advertising Have you ever noticed that many metropolitan residents have never actually gone to the sights of their backyards? Have your New York City friends ever walked up the steps of the Statue of Liberty or stood at the top of the Empire State Building? Sometimes, everyday life gets in the way and we forget what gems are right around the corner. Do you live in a big city or a small town? each city has a tourism department. Send away a brochure about the attractions in your area. Sit down with your family and choose the places you all want to visit. Then, spend a day or two getting to know the area where you live. Historical landmarks, museums, attractions - you may be surprised to see what history surrounds you. Advertising turn your home and backyard into an African safari. Treat kids watching the Lion King in advance to get them in the mood. Next decorate the house. Make a paper bag of vines from old brown paper grocery bags by cutting bags into strips of three, then turning them together to look like vines. Hang them all over the house with green paper. For food, make Moroccan-style chicken kebabs and other silly snacks for children, such as dried cranberries or raisins (call them dried ants). Seedless grapes become beetle wings, and any colorful fruit juice can become jungle juice. Create an arts and crafts table and make beaded jewelry, paper for elephants, giraffes and lions - something safari inspired. Play traditional African music in the background. Advertising Maybe you can't afford to fly across the country and stay in a nice hotel, but who's to say you can't have a nice hotel weekend in your hometown? It may sound silly, but it's actually quite relaxing. Pack up your family and check in at your local hotel for the weekend. Many hotels now offer staycation specials, so make sure you ask. The hotel has a pool or spa. The kids love it. And take the time yourself to get a well-deserved massage or beauty treatment. Think of a local day trip, and enjoy coming back to the clean and tidy room that evening. Tuck all into bed for the movie, and wake up the next morning feeling fresh and refreshed. Advertising scavenger hunts are a lot of fun and bring out everyone's competitive side. Depending on how adventurous you feel - and how many adults you have under your supervision - your scavenger hunt may be confined to your backyard, block or even the entire city. Use your PC to print tips, maps, goodies, and hide places. Tips can be simple or written puzzles or poems. Scavenger hunting is actually an excellent teaching tool for children, because tips can include simple math problems or local history issues. Leave a few prizes along the way (candy, small toys) for one big prize eventual winner(s). Advertising Keep Your Culinary War, Right At Home. Here's how to do it: Sit down as a family and vote for a special ingredient. Then, everyone has to plan a dish that features that ingredient. For younger children, give them a parent or older sibling to work with or offer ideas that don't require cooking or knives. For example, if the secret ingredient is cheese, your child may cheeseball crackers on the side, while a more mature family member can choose to make grilled cheese or even fondue. For extra hardship, give each person a budget to work with and then go to grocery stores as a family. In the afternoon, everyone can take turns creating their own culinary masterpiece. Enjoy the dishes together and then fill in the secret ballots on which the dish was most successful. Reward the winner with a fun apron or chef hat. Advertising If you have the whole family all together in one place, put them to work. This time of year is a great time to do some spring cleaning. Create a family Spring Cleanout Challenge. Give each person a purpose - maybe you need your tween to get rid of old toys or he won't play anymore. Maybe your kids have outgrown clothes and they need to prune their closets. Or you can have a lot of old paperwork that needs to be presented or crushed. If everyone has a goal to achieve, let them loose trash bags, boxes, cleaning products and whatever they need to get the job done. Set the time limit so that it doesn't drag all day and all night. At the end, reward everyone with some pizza and plan a family garage sale. Kids are much more willing to pitch knowing that they can get some money at the end. Advertising Spring is also a great time to start your garden. If you're lucky enough to have a backyard where you can plant a large garden, get the soil ready to advance. If you live in an apartment or don't have a large yard, plan a container garden where you can plant smaller things like herbs, cherry tomatoes or peppers. Over the winter, go shopping for seeds with children. Let the kids choose one or two things they want to raise - help them out so they choose something that suits you, that you live so they don't dare. Start your seedlings with egg boxes or special seedling pots. Children rejoice watching the seeds germinate and start growing. Then, on gardening day, everyone plants their seedlings in their plot garden. And throughout spring and summer, each child is responsible for their plants. Enjoy the benefits of your work, through fresh salads or beautiful flower buds throughout the house. For more ideas for family fun, check out the links on the next page. Advertising Spring break is a great time for a family holiday. Follow these spring break tips for families while you're on vacation. All over the world: Stay-Cations. DisneyFamily.com. (February 21, 2011) Stephanie. How To: Plan Perfect Staycation. Re-Pesa. August 13, 2008.(21st February 2011) ideas for families. Family education. 2011 (21th February 2011) Finally, you can head out to get mail without putting on a winter coat. If you're lucky, there might even be a brave robin on a bare tree branch practicing his high notes. Spring isn't quite tense, but you feel a change in the air. After a long, rough winter (and this one was a beast for many of us) it's nice to treat the family's change of scenery - one where you can spend time outdoors and get your vitamin D in sunlight instead of a daily supplement. Spring break isn't just about wild, sun-worshipping students. It's about showcasing your family's whole new season of fun and exploration. You may be headed south to grandma's house in Boca Raton or having the latest amusements of your theme park choice. No matter your destination, these tips will help make spring break easier for you and safer for your grave. Advertising Content Of Course, you can definitely mind packing light clothes and sunscreen for everyone, but there are still some changes in the winter summer that you should consider: It's easy to lose sunscreen protection when your kids are in and out of the water or sweating. Apply wide-spectrum, waterproof sunscreen for half an hour before going outdoors and re-doing it every few hours. If someone in the family wears sunglasses, make sure they provide full UV protection too. Get your shoes ready. This walk along the beach may be just right to warm your tootsies and give them a refreshing sand bath, but a walk back over the asphalt car could get hot and dangerous. The same goes for nature's walking or poolside swimming. Foot protection could save someone from a painful accident. Avoid hot, hurting feet, being ready. Your warm weather destination may not cooperate throughout your trip. Early spring days can start with temperate and turn chilli fast. Make sure to take along clothes your family can layer to stay comfortable. Advertising you may have a holiday planned that requires air travel or planning a staycation that involves short hops from local fun spots like the zoo. Children want to get where they go quickly, and trips that involve long journeys that never seem to end can be torture - to everyone involved. For a child, even a relatively short car or air travel can be an eternity of idle frustration, and even fear or confusion. Whatever your plans are, make transportation safety and travel a priority. To make sure you don't find yourself wishing you had never left the house (and have every stranger nearby feeling the same way), follow these travel dos: If you're traveling by car, give your vehicle a checkup before you head out. Make sure your insurance is up to date and you have emergency dispersing equipment such as a first aid kit, missiles and a cell phone with you. Pack plenty of water and items you need, such as snacks, formulas and diapers Too. If you are taking a small child on an airplane trip, discuss child restraint options (CRS) with the airline. There's no safer option for your child in your lap. Some airlines offer CRS seats and help you arrange connecting flights. A CRS shall be installed in the window seat so that more precise planning is required. You may be able to avoid paying extra if you are travelling during rush hour when extra seats are usually available. Nowadays, most airlines operate most of their flights with capacity or near capacity, so it's important to understand your choices. Bring entertainment options and snacks. Be creative. A long trip can require many distractions. Explain the travel process to your child. If he has never gone on a long trip or travelled on a plane, bus or train, take the time to walk through the process with him. The more he prepares for the trip, the smoother it is likely to go. It may even be worth a trip to the airport, train or bus station to see what everything looks like and sounds like in advance. Advertising Holiday fun can be more than visiting one expensive venue after another. If you are doing your tour on an education trip as well as an exciting adventure, you can have almost as much fun planning your holiday trip as you are experiencing it. Which animals are spread to the locale you visit? What's interesting about the history of the region? After arrival, museums, parks, hiking tours and libraries offer many rich opportunities for more information. Giving your holiday education a ramp can be a fun and economical way to enjoy a well-rounded trip. Advertising Make sure to keep your home secure when you're away: Stop mail and newspaper deliveries. Ask trusted neighbors to guard your property while you're gone. Don't discuss your trip around strangers and warn your children to avoid revealing your plans on your favorite social networking site. Lock the doors and windows before you leave - that's it. To make your home look like it's still busy, consider installing a timer to turn the interior lighting on and off on and off on a regular schedule. If you plan to parking your vehicle at the airport, remove the GPS device and leave it at home. If your vehicle is broken into, GPS can give robbers directions back to their busy and vulnerable home. Advertising Travel on vacation gives your kids a better appreciation of the world around them and getting you all out of the house to enjoy the fresh air. To make sure you're as safe on the road as you are at home, follow these precautions: tell someone where you're going and when you're coming back. Be vigilant in the crowd and keep your children close and in sight. Do not leave your valuables such as handbag, wallet, luggage, keys or identification unattended. Avoid travelling with expensive items such as electronics or valuable jewellery. Do not give your personal information or disclose your plans to strangers. In the excitement of holiday fun, it's easy for kids to forget about safety. Before going to the event, discuss the safety measures that are specific to their activities. Whether it's about safe practices about strangers or making sure there's a lifeguard at work in the pool, reminding your kids of the rules. You want them to have a great and safe vacation. 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