

# Road Trip Packing and Prep Checklist



## **Regular Clothes** (kids' stuff in small bags that fit in large duffle bag, parents' stuff in their bags):

- 3-4 pairs of underwear per person
- 3-4 pairs of socks per person in sock bag
- 3-4 shirts per person (one nicer shirt, the rest T-shirts)
- 2-3 pairs of pants/shorts per person
- 1 swim suit and swim shirt for each person
- 1 pair of pajamas for each person
- Diapers and wipes (track the number the baby uses on a typical day; pad that number)
- 1 pair closed-toe hiking/running/athletic shoes per person in shoe bag
- 1 sweatshirt or jacket per person in sweatshirt bag that always stays in the car

## **Sunday Clothes** (all to go in garment bag):

- Sunday shirt and pants for each boy
- Belts and ties
- Sunday dress or skirt and top for each girl plus slip if needed
- Nice shoes for everyone (with dark socks inside shoes)

## **Snacks** (in a small cooler where mom or dad can easily reach it)

- Fruits (washed, ready-to-eat – grapes, apples, etc.)
- Veggies (washed, ready-to-eat – baby carrots, cucumber slices, sugar snap peas, etc.)
- Filled water bottles
- Other snacks (anything that would go bad if you left it and is feasible to eat in the car)

## **Car Supplies** (tucked into easily-accessible spots in the car)

- Wet wipes
- Tissues, napkins or paper towels
- Filled water bottles in all cup holders
- Pillows (old throw pillows or camp pillows in pillow cases work great – small is good)
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- First-aid kit (band-aids, pain-killers, ointment, etc.)
- Books to read and journals to write in plus pencils and pens
- Towels if needed for swimming, etc (1 per 2-3 people)
- Picnic blanket to keep in car and use as needed

## **Other**

- Phone and phone cord
- Computer and cord (if needed)
- Camera and camera charger plus extra memory cards, if needed
- Kindle/lpad/other electronics plus cords
- DVD's and CD's
- Baby equipment if needed (portable crib, stroller, blankets)
- Sleeping bags if needed

## **Tasks Just Before Leaving**

- Confirm that neighbor is planning to pick up mail and water plants
- Air conditioning turned off or turned to high temperature; all lights off
- All windows closed and all doors locked
- Everyone goes to the bathroom