

# Enjoying The Outdoors

Camping Is Easy With Planning And The Right Equipment



You can truly have many of the comforts of home when you go camping. Most outdoor products have a tough new finish, called powder coating, and can make your next camping trip romantic, easy and affordable.

(NAPSA)—Planning a family camping vacation can go surprisingly well when you follow these simple tips:

## **The tent is everything**

Beautiful days can turn into stormy nights. Make sure you have a tent that can withstand extreme weather. Look for a tent that not only keeps you dry, but will stand up to the test of time, as well. (Investing in a good, sturdy tent now will save you money down the road because you won't have to replace it as often.) For instance, look at the poles. Have they been powder coated? Powder coated poles are rust-resistant and durable, not to mention lightweight.

## **Plan ahead**

Make sure you know how to set up your tent in the dark just in case you reach your campsite late. Make a list of everything you will need and check it off.

You don't want to leave without a flashlight or lantern, especially if

you're stumbling toward the bathroom at three in the morning.

## **Bring food supplies**

The point of a camping trip is to rough it and live off the land for a few days, but how much fun is starving? Bring along snacks like trail mix, hard salami, and energy bars. And don't forget to bring a grill table for all those fish you do catch. You can get powder coated grill tables that are easy to clean and folding tables and chairs with the same finish.

## **Prepare for bugs**

Don't forget your insect repellent, and keep your tent zipped. A swarm of mosquitoes can ruin a great trip, so think about bringing along one of the new mosquito traps or some citronella candles.

To find out more about powder coating and to receive a free Consumer Buying Guide for Home and Garden, visit The Powder Coating Institute's Web site at [www.powdercoating.org](http://www.powdercoating.org).