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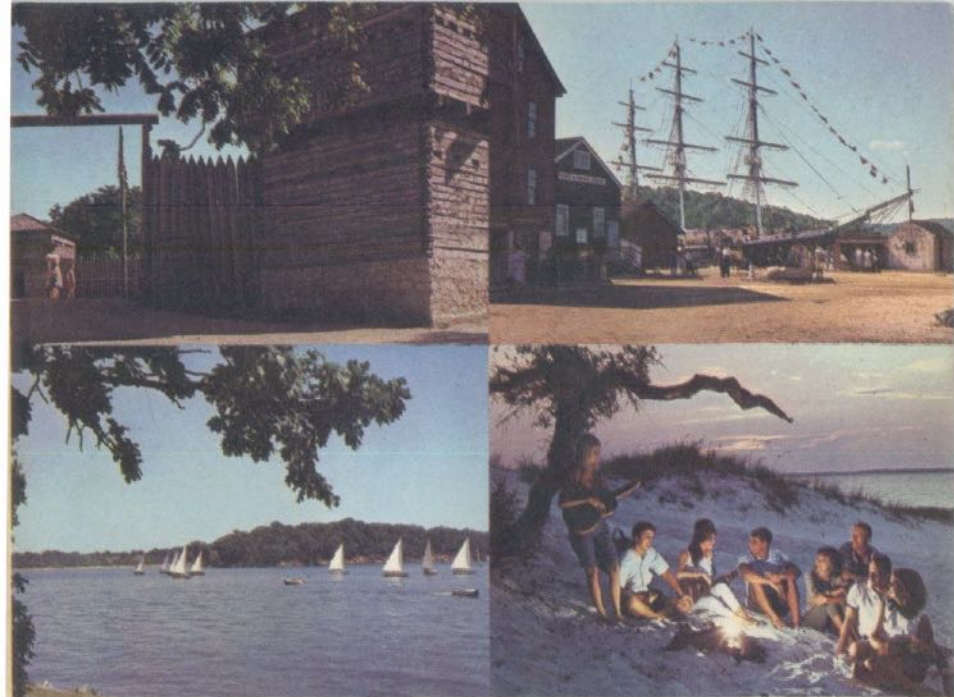


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*Go where he will, the wise man is at home,
His hearth the earth,—his hall the azure dome.*

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON

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FOREWORD

Today, people who plan their vacations, their week-ends and holidays are the ones who have the fun.

It may be a romantic idea to just toss a few clothes into a bag, load up the car and hit the road—wandering wherever the fancy leads . . .

But it's also expensive. And it's the long, hard way to see first-hand this wonderful land of ours.

A few hours spent planning can pay off handsomely.

You'll see more, go farther, have more fun. You'll also cut your vacation and holiday costs by more than you'd ever imagined possible.

The purpose of this booklet is to help you plan — both extensive trips to the places you've always wanted to see, and those brief week-end holidays nearer home where fun and relaxation await.

In the spirit of helpfulness which has characterized our 67 years of helping people enjoy the great outdoors, in this book the Coleman Company has gathered a wealth of knowledge by prominent outdoor writers.

We hope the book is helpful. And we'd enjoy hearing your comments. But most of all, we want you to enjoy outdoor fun.

Sheldon Coleman

Sheldon Coleman,
President
The Coleman Company, Inc.



Mr. Sheldon Coleman,
his son and grandchildren



TAKE A COLEMAN HOLIDAY

HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE, AND SAVE \$150 A WEEK!

by Donald H. Sollars

Chances are, you own one or several Coleman outing products, and your family has already sampled a "Coleman Holiday." Have you been picnicking? Gone to the lake or sea shore for the weekend? Gone fishing? Of course you have. As millions of families do. And, at every picnic ground, at every outdoor recreation area, the name Coleman is always well in evidence.

Take the Coleman Camp Stove. This basic outing need is the world's most popular make—there are more sold and more in use than all others combined. The same holds true for the famous Coleman Lantern. You see it lighting many a picnic table, tents and the nocturnal fisherman's endeavors.

Also, for years outdoor dining has been made extra delightful with Coleman cookery accessories, plus Snow-Lite

Coolers and Jugs. Even backyard barbecues and patio parties get a boost from refreshments kept handy and ice-cold in these colorful insulated Coolers and Jugs.

In fact, Coleman products have so long been associated with good times in the open, that the name has become almost synonymous with outdoor fun. When most people go on a picnic, a weekend motor trip or a long vacation—whenever they load the car and head for a holiday—they think of Coleman—and *take* Coleman products along to help make it a really care-free holiday.

So, family outings of almost any kind or length have become known as Coleman Holidays.

This is *especially* true now—now that Coleman also makes *finest quality tents, sleeping bags and camping trailers*. To millions of campers and outdoorsmen,

this means that now they can go Coleman quality all the way—morning, noon and night—for their outdoor dining and lodging needs. It means that at last there is a national brand of guaranteed shelter equipment made by the oldest and best-known name in the industry. Whether you are an occasional afternoon- or weekend tripper or veteran camper, Coleman now makes virtually every piece of equipment you need for enjoyment and comfort.

As author Hurley Campbell says on page 33, there are two essentials for a successful camping holiday:

good, tasty, well-prepared foods,
and a sound, comfortable night's sleep.

Coleman, who has for years supplied products for the first-named essential—good eating—now takes care of the second as well: the sleepy camper can be surrounded by plush comfort in warm, best-designed, best-constructed sleeping bags, and be even further protected from the elements and all manner of insects by sturdy modern tents or CT-1 trailers.

But, on the other hand, suppose you, the person reading this right now, have never had the opportunity to sample a Coleman Holiday. Or if you have, it was only briefly and on rare occasions. On your travels and vacations, you've gotten into the habit of staying at motels or hotels and eating in restaurants. If such is the case, as you read this entirely new

Coleman guide booklet—*Outdoor Holiday Fun*—you'll see what you've been missing. In these pages by eminent authorities you'll get an idea of the vast and varied scenic playgrounds and the happy experiences waiting "out there" for you. In a small way, your senses will come alive to the pleasures of the great outdoors—you'll be able to whiff invigorating aromas, savor taste bud-refreshing flavors, glimpse dazzling hues, become acquainted with some of the life-giving and life-lasting thrills of taking a Coleman Holiday—be it for a few happy hours, a weekend or an extended camping jaunt.

If you have yet to discover these joys that are your natural heritage, the information in this booklet will be of especial interest to you. The fact that you have this Guide shows that you are tempted to the glories—and economies—of the great outdoors. You want your children and your whole family to have the best vacation and short holidays that you can afford. You want to treat yourself and your family to the kind of vacation you've always dreamed of—a really memorable relaxing, thoroughly enjoyable holiday.

This year live it up. See all the sights, do the things you've always wanted to. Because now you can afford it—the best—a Coleman Holiday. You'll have the *time of your life*—and save money, too.

there's irresistible adventure and good living here!

Just a glance at the Table of Contents will tell you there's exciting, entertaining and informative writing here in this small book. Not only are the varied subjects that are covered intriguing, but each is authored by a distinguished journalist-outdoorsman—all renowned experts in their own right. There are names known to camping and outing enthusiasts in every region of North America, and in some instances, in Europe and South America as well. They've traveled far, utilizing every form of camping gear

in all kinds of conditions, devoting their lives to pursuing the joys of being a Neighbor to Nature, an intimate companion to sea, shore or mountain and all the life that abounds there.

In their many and diverse writings in magazines and books, they have recorded a history of health, exhilaration and adventure that is a major part of American life.

They've watched outdoor living grow from the most primitive makeshift outing to its present modern, in some cases, sophisticated, form.

To these professionals, this ever-popular national pastime is a way of life. Their energetic enthusiasm for exploring and living in Nature's playgrounds has rubbed off on millions of other Americans. They have been the translators of all the siren calls of the wild—the myriad sounds—and silences—“out there” beyond the smog, beyond the frantic hustle and bustle, out there where the wildlife is a million miles away from the wild life of the city.

They've reminded us, too, of the heady fragrances of the forests and meadows, the brilliant, bold and also softly subtle colors on every hand, wherever you drive, wherever you walk.

In a thousand ways they have asked us to recall that this big gorgeous America is ours—for us to enjoy at every opportunity. They say, “This is yours—come and get your share now.” And they've shown us how simple it is to collect this, our natural inheritance.

Is it such a phenomenon that millions of Americans respond every season? . . . that in droves we leave the ultra-comforts and conveniences of our homes — our neatly laid-out streets and walks? . . . that for a few days or weeks we want to flee from the carefully erected walls of the city and organized society?

Is it so phenomenal? We think not. Actually, it's the most natural thing in the world. In many ways, we're creatures of Nature. Our bodies, our minds, our spirits hunger for the wide-open spaces, the tranquility and solitude, the excitement and rollicking adventure, the clear fresh air, the clean cool lakes and streams.

Here, we are soothed, exhilarated, refreshed, renewed. Here Mother, Dad and the youngsters can be closer to each other, closer to Nature, and very close to God.

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CAMPING, THE "IN" VACATION

by C. B. Colby

Just a few short years ago, camping was something only indulged in by hairy-chested males and perhaps a few long suffering wives who occasionally went along just to be a good sport; it was anything else BUT a family affair.

Today, camping is the "In" vacation for millions of Americans, and the majority of them are far from the normally rugged outdoor types. They include lawyers, hairdressers, doctors, ministers, teachers, librarians, writers, housewives and almost any other profession you can think of, plus all the teenagers and small-fry in their families. It is the fastest growing family recreation, a "craze," says the New York Times, that is sweeping the country and growing so fast that no accurate figures are possible as to the millions of Americans who join the ranks every new season.

However, it is estimated that more than one million Americans "camp out" every night of the camping season—spring and fall as well as summer.

Just as an example, attendance at National Parks with camping facilities increased 50 per cent in just five years. And for the entire National Park Sys-

tem, the 1966 attendance was more than 100 million visitors. And this figure does not include visits to the thousands of state, county, municipal and private recreational areas. Use of all U. S. campgrounds—public and private—is expected to double again in the next few years.

To accommodate the ever-growing number of outdoor enthusiasts, new National Park areas are being added—such as Fire Island in New York, Cape Lookout National Seashore, North Carolina, Chamizal Treaty National Memorial, Texas—and many other public and private campgrounds are springing up.

Many things have brought about this change in camping popularity as a family affair, and in the composition of the camping fraternity. A whole new way of vacation life has been discovered by millions of fine folks who had never slept under anything but a solid roof in their lives; an inexpensive and mighty exciting vacation or holiday at that. They have, in many cases for the first time ever, discovered the magic of a campfire, the mystery of the woods at night and the real meaning of RE-creation so easily within their grasp once they have lived under canvas.

One of the greatest contributors to this change in camping popularity has been the collection of gadgets American ingenuity has produced in recent years to offset the former inconveniences of the sport of tenting. The tents are lighter and far gayer and easier to erect, some going up in two to five minutes compared with an hour for the older models,

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and the modern models have screened doors and windows with storm flaps operated by zippers, sewed-in water-proof floors and shady awnings. These and camping trailers are a safe snug haven against insects and other scampering critters the ladies used to dread, and can withstand just about any kind of weather. Nature can dish out. The modern stoves and lanterns, fueled by gasoline or LP-gas, the coolers, heaters, air mattresses and folding cots and sleeping bags make cooking and sleeping an experience to be remembered with pleasure.

AT-HOME CONVENIENCES

Countless additional items of equipment now available include portable showers, foot or electric pumps for inflation of air mattresses, folding tables and chairs, nested cookware, well insulated ice chests and jugs, insect repellents that really work, safe gasoline-powered tent heaters, and many more. There are literally hundreds of small ingenious devices to bring to the camper at-home comforts and conveniences while in the campground or wilderness.

No longer does the female of the species, even a city-bred gal, have to view an excursion or "safari" into the world of campers with fear and trepidation, for the camper now has take-along conveniences equal if not better than some she must leave at home.

Another thing that has sparked the sensational growth of camping vacations as family fun within the last decade is the vast improvement in public campgrounds, whether federal, state, municipal or privately operated. Some of the latter represent investments of upwards of half a million dollars and include everything a demanding public could possibly want in the way of facilities.

Such things as paved roads, hot and cold showers, laundromats, washrooms, provision stores, radio and TV equipped recreation rooms, telephones, electricity, free water, fuel and ice, baby sitters, playgrounds, swimming pools, golf courses, tennis courts, boating, trail rides, mail delivery and even "camp hops" to

help you pitch your gear, are not unusual in many of the modern campgrounds. Those in our National Parks, National Forests, as well as similar areas of State investment in this great activity, are not far behind, and many of them include such unique features as museums, nature lectures, nature walks, and other educational entertainment not generally found at privately run sites. You can even select the type of camping community and neighbors you prefer. You can be surrounded by hundreds of other campers, or off by yourself in well-screened and separated tent sites. Each camping family has a preference and can usually find it.

Those who want to really "rough it" in the wilderness can find plenty of areas in our National and State Forests where they can savor the real experience of back-country camping. This type of camping is appealing more and more to those who have had an initiation to camping via the more populated campgrounds. Our great National Parks offer a wide variety of camping atmospheres from the most sophisticated to the most isolated—all there for the taking.

Even those who want the more primitive areas as a setting for their holiday find that manufacturers offer many conveniences. The number of at-home comforts they take along is limited only by the campers' ability to carry them.

WINTER HOLIDAYS

No matter what the season—spring, summer, fall or even winter—the camper of today can find places to go and equipment to carry to take him there and back in comfort. In fact, winter camping is becoming more and more popular, not only with the stretch pants and crew-cut crowd but the "older folks" as well. There are no insects, snakes (an almost nonexistent hazard anyway), crowds or heat. And, with the modern sleeping bags and tent heaters (described in detail elsewhere in this book), winter camping is a new and exciting challenge even to the veteran camper who still likes his camp comforts.

A third thing which has contributed to the popularity and practicability of camping as a vacation has been the great changes in tourist accommodations along our great highways. The dollar-a-night tourist cabins of a few years ago have become expensive, almost resort-type motels similar to an in-town hotel. The result is that the rates now are as much as \$20 a night in motels, a completely prohibitive expense for many traveling families with several children.

As a result a vast majority of economy-minded touring vacationists have turned to camping and have found it very much to their liking.

KIDS LOVE IT

At first it was only natural that families went camping with considerable trepidation along with the usual enthusiasm for trying something new, only to find that most of their fears were groundless. The adults find that the modern equipment is easy and safe to use and performs reliably. The youngsters, contrary to many a fond mother's fears, looks upon the whole affair as one grand adventure, taking everything in stride—from rainy days to helping with the camp chores. They eat like there's no tomorrow, sleep like hibernating chipmunks and generally have a bright-eyed and bushy-tailed ball.

The ease of erection of modern tents or tent trailers, or other tenting units attached to station wagons or cars, has made travel-stopping simple and easy, to say nothing of inexpensive. Now a family can go to both seashores and mountains on a single trip and for the same price tag. One-night stops are almost as simple as unpacking for a motel stopover and cost little or nothing, depending upon location and type of facilities.

Adults whose past experience with camping was long ago and uncomfortable have suddenly found that the soggy, bug-infested tents of yesteryear have given way to snug and colorful shelters withstanding almost anything but a major hurricane. They have found

that the smoky, eye-watering cooking of memory has been replaced with simple and highly efficient food preparation over smokeless and easy to operate camp stoves, and that the modern camping lanterns make the evenings bright and cheery even in a downpour. Even the former nagging worry about toilet facilities has been minimized with the excellent flush toilet washrooms of modern campgrounds and the ingenious and very practical "portable johns" for the wilderness camping families. Modern camping can be as rough or as plush as your preference will dictate.

Families now go camping for over-night, a weekend or for all summer with hardly more preparation than for a similar stay at a summer cottage, and at far less expense. Most camping equipment, with reasonable care, will last for a generation or two. Even tents, the most vulnerable of all your gear, may last for 15 or 20 years. (Some of mine are older than that and still going strong with occasional small patches, restitching of seams and an occasional zipper replacement.) Your other gear—stoves, lanterns, sleeping bags, and air mattresses—will give service year after year with proper care, and even if they are neglected will still give good service for many a season.

BASIC EQUIPMENT

For less than \$300 (about a week's cost at a motel) a family of four can be well equipped with every basic item for comfortable, even luxurious camping for many years. They would have a fine modern tent, large enough for rainy-day inside comfort, lantern, two-burner cook stove, good sleeping bags, air mattresses, cots, and a good cooler ice chest, plus a set of nested camp pots and pans and a few other small items of their choice.

If you buy items from manufacturers with a long reputation for quality and reliability, you will invest in many years of camping fun and comfort. As in other merchandise you get exactly what you pay for, and the back country is no place to find you have shoddy equipment for the earlier saving of a few dollars.

Buy the best and it will give you the best in service.

Not only is camping high quality fun at a low quality price tag, but in a mighty pleasant way you'll suddenly discover it is educational as well. If you have never had any interest in nature and the out-of-doors you will soon find that there are so many things where you camp that are new and intriguing that you can't help but be curious if not excited. For the city-bred family every



strange night sound, new flower or small critter you catch a glimpse of will be a new "What?" you'll want to find an answer for. Taking along some small-sized nature books will enable you to pick the answer from your pocket with surprising regularity while the sight or sound is fresh in your minds.

As far as "dangers" to be found in camping (always of concern to anyone trying something new), I can think of no recreation that has less, even for the tyro. To be sure there are mosquitos and stinging insects (also to be found in any back yard), poison ivy (also found in many a suburban area or even a city park), an occasional storm or high wind (a well designed tent or camping trailer will ride out even a small hurricane with ease), and wild animals. The latter always seems to be uppermost in the minds of those going into the outdoors for the first time overnight.

The dangers from wildlife are so small that they can be discarded completely unless you have elected to deliberately camp where they are known to live; a pretty silly undertaking for even a veteran camper unless on a hunting trip.

Take bears, for instance. Unless you are camping in the real wilderness far from civilization, or in such areas as Yellowstone National Park—where they are a special attraction—you will never

meet a bear. Other than that, about the wildest wild animal you might possibly encounter would be a nosy deer, raccoon, opossum, skunk or fox, who might timidly approach your camp while you are away or asleep, looking for a snack from your table or grub box. If you are lucky enough to have such a visitor, just get out the camera or relax and enjoy the company. If you move they will vanish in a flash and you have missed a rare experience. Even a rare nosy bear will be no danger if you keep still and let him explore a bit. He will not bother you unless you throw things at him, corner him or foolishly approach him to get a picture.

WILDLIFE SHY

As for poisonous snakes, forget them, for your chances of meeting one are slim. They hate humans even more than you hate them, and in over 50 years of camping from Cape Breton to California and from Alaska to Mexico I have never met one on a camping trip. Wildlife will avoid campers with as much enthusiasm as many campers try to see them. A meeting is a rare and exciting event. It's a shame that some campers try to avoid it. It's like going to a foreign country and hoping you won't meet any of the inhabitants.

There is a wide and wonderful variety of places to go camping, too. If you are a complete tyro at camping, I assure you there are many fine books to help you choose your "dream" holiday itinerary; they're available at your local book store or library (including the *Better Homes and Gardens Book of Family Camping* by the writer). Many of these also contain a wealth of information on all types of camping from lightweight back-packing to group camping by families.

If you want to discover something really "in" in economical, exciting and relaxing vacations try camping. Or as they say, "Take a Coleman Holiday." It is the fastest growing family recreation in the world, and once you have tried it with modern equipment you will easily and enthusiastically understand why!



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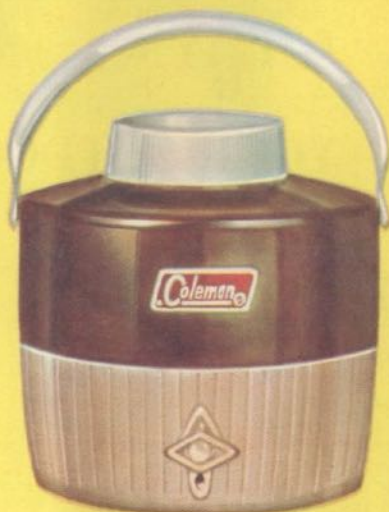
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YOUR OUTDOOR HOLIDAY

by Byron W. Dalrymple

Planning Your Trip

MOTELS OR CAMPING?

It's fun on vacation to just "up and go," with no plan. This is the classic dream—to drift along carefree as the birds. But the birds aren't *really* carefree—and a vacation—or even short 1- or 2-day holidays that have basic pre-planning will be free of many exasperations and disappointments.

Where you will go is important to plan, because today people are competing for places to stay. "Where" depends of course on what you wish to do and see. If there are differing tastes in your family, a plan can consider each desire, thus keeping everyone contented. Also, expenses are sure to be less with good planning.

How you go—whether you camp or

stay in motels—is perhaps even more important. This gets back to expenses. Nowadays double rooms in good motels seldom cost less than \$9 to \$12 a day, and for a family of four rates will run \$12 to as much as \$30.

Obviously, that's a great deal more than it will cost to camp. Private campgrounds—there are more and more all the time—average around \$2 per night per campsite. Some public campgrounds are free. Others charge small fees—50c to \$2.00 per night, including park admission. Thus, for lodging, a family can camp a week, or even two, for what it may cost for a single night in a motel.

We often camp several days; then stay in a motel for a day. That gives everyone something to look forward to both ways. We're glad to get in and glad to get out!

By camping and cooking, you cut expenses drastically. Even if you stay in motels, a basic camp-cooking outfit—Coleman stove, lantern, cooler, water jug—permits you to picnic at roadside tables. You can have breakfast or a quick lunch and a complete dinner that way also. It's a huge saving and it's fun. We camp, but work in an occasional restaurant breakfast one day and perhaps a restaurant dinner the next evening.

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In between, we have tasty snacks out of our cooler or cook hot meals on our camp stove.

BOOKLETS & MAPS

How do you find where to go, where to stay and what to see and do? It's easy and it's an enjoyable pre-trip hobby. There are literally hundreds of sources of maps, booklets and brochures. State tourist development boards and bureaus issue a welter of them. National Parks, National Forests, other federal lands and monuments do likewise. They also list campsites.

Elsewhere in this booklet there is a chapter about information sources. Your problem is not finding *sources*—it's in trying to *select* from the enormous amount readily available. All of it sounds so good you may have a hard time making up your mind!

EQUIPMENT YOU'LL NEED

Most vacationers take far *more* equipment than they need. You need to *eat*, *sleep*, have *water* and *light* and keep *warm* or *cool*. If you cover only these fundamentals, you'll be happier because you'll be "uncluttered."

For cooking take your Coleman camp stove and stand, oven and griddle and a gallon can of Coleman fuel to feed the stove. Carry a small Coleman LP-gas stove, in addition, for fixing quick lunches. A Coleman ice water or beverage jug and ice chest make up the rest of the "eating" department. Cutlery for all hands, sharp knives, can opener, "nest-of-kettles" outfit with skillets, pots, pans, plates, cups (no metal cups, they're hot to drink from) and coffee pot rounds out the kitchen. Bottle openers come right on the Coleman cooler.

You'll need a dishpan (preferably of plastic), detergent, plastic sponge and scouring pads. Plenty of heavy foil is a must. Also paper cups and plates for most snacks and meals save the other plates for a touch of resort luxury in the great outdoors. And paper towels! Lots of them! They serve for all sorts of mop-up operations. An ice pick goes

with the cutlery. Find one with several *short* picks, not the single long variety. It's handier and less dangerous.

Don't forget a plastic wash basin and soap box. Use *pliable* plastic—it packs easier.

Light is admirably furnished by your Coleman lantern. We've been using the LP-gas models. They're quick to light; the fuel easy to stow. Cartridges double for the small stove, too. Pack these away from heat.

SHELTER

Sleeping equipment is just as simple—a convertible tent trailer or tent, and a sleeping bag and mattress for each member of the family. If yours is a small family and sleep in a station wagon, trailer, or camp coach, all you need are the bags and mattresses. Don't forget pillows from home. Most campers use air mattresses. We prefer foam plastic. They're bulkier to pack but can't leak, are far less bother and offer greater comfort. We also carry two light tarpaulins. They have many uses—for hanging over the table, warding off rain or sun, or for sunbathing.

Good tents aren't cheap. But a good one lasts a lifetime. Be sure to buy one that's *easy* and *quick* to set up. Simple frames and as few pegs as possible are the features to look for.

Weight of material, and the amount of screening, depends upon where you'll use it. Hot-country campers don't need as much protection as cold-country campers. Sewed-in floor, insect screening easily zipped, are mandatory. Look closely at zippers. Cheap zippers are big trouble.

The size of your tent obviously must match your family size. And the size will depend upon how you plan to use it.

A good tent for a family can cost less than \$100 or much more. Beware of "trick" types. Think twice about car-top tents. They may not be for you. The camping trailers so popular nowadays are good and not really expensive when you consider they'll last a generation or so—from \$500 to \$1000 and up.

Many tents today are made of very

light materials. Look around before making up your mind. Coleman's new line of tents and CT-1 trailers offers the camper a size and weight to fit almost any need.

BASIC CLOTHING

The only other "basics" come under "clothing." Khakis for men, slacks or shorts for gals and men both, and cotton shirts all around, form the foundation of the wardrobe. Then add a wool shirt and a wool jacket for each. Even a light cotton suit of long-johns can be welcome in the mountains. Light nylon rain suits are good fun insurance, too, and they pack in a small space. A light poplin jacket for each will cover most-of-the-time wear. Boots in the 6- or 7-inch height, with non-slip soles, are very good for most terrain. Sneakers are all right but not for rough going.

That's the gist of it for your basic outfit. You can add to these fundamentals, depending on how much room and how many of you there are. The whims are yours. But you can have a wonderful outdoor holiday with only what's listed here.

BUDGET

Some people are good budgeteers; some aren't. Don't ruin your vacation by worrying so much about sticking to an exact budget that you spend more time figuring than you do vacationing. But do dope out beforehand roughly what your costs should be *per day* and stay fairly close to it.

We, a family of four, usually wind up spending \$25 to \$35 per day. This is exclusive of gasoline which goes on my credit cards but includes general sight-seeing and entertainment. You may be able to shave this figure. The point is, if you have a good idea of an overall daily figure, you don't guess quite so blindly about what your entire trip will cost.

To calculate car expenses, ascertain what mileage your car gets and don't exaggerate it! Then with your trip planned as to *where*, total the miles, add

on some for side jaunts, grease, oil, possible minor repairs, and you have the car budget pretty well in hand. If you plan exactly where you will camp, whether "free" or "fee," that expense is easy to figure, too. Entertainment expense is determined mainly by what each of you likes to do—take pictures, buy souvenirs, etc. An average family should have available \$5 to \$10 per day for

COMPARISON OF COSTS

Restaurant Meals (including tips)

For a Couple

Breakfast	: \$2.60
Lunch	: 3.50
Dinner	: 4.60
Total	: \$10.70

For a Family of Four

Breakfast	: \$5.10
Lunch	: 6.80
Dinner	: 7.80
Total	: \$19.70

entertainment, even if it's not all spent. With tips plan on at least \$6 per day per person for restaurant meals and occasional refreshments. But eating all meals out is really pointless and less fun.

I, personally, do not believe it is possible to make up a camp-meal budget that makes any sense by breaking it down into a so-much-per-meal cost. Such lists are plain silly and don't help the shopper at all. Everything depends on *who likes what*. The simple way is to add in all the "hidden" items from the grocery store, or corner drug store, like insect repellent, sun tan lotion, bandaids, paper plates, etc. The total is just about what you would spend for general kitchen and all-round use at home. With cautious buying, this will average about \$30 per week for two, \$42 for four.

Shopping for take-home items and buying gifts for friends requires an extra budget. No one can possibly tell you exactly how much.

When you have your car budget, your food budget, your lodging budget, based on the type you'll use, and your entertainment budget figured, total them. You'll know roughly what to take for funds. Then all you have to do is stay within the budget. As noted elsewhere in this Guide, you can even have a whale of a Coleman Holiday on as little as \$4 or \$5 per person a day basic expenses.

FOR IDENTICAL MEALS

Coleman Holiday Meals

For a Couple

Breakfast	:	\$0.90
Lunch	:	1.25
Dinner	:	2.00
Total	:	\$4.15

For a Family of Four

Breakfast	:	\$1.35
Lunch	:	1.70
Dinner	:	3.25
Total	:	\$6.30

BUYING GROCERIES

Don't believe a word from those infallible lists about what you should buy for a camping vacation. Here are a few general rules. Gauge your Coleman ice cooler chest capacity accurately, learn what it will hold of the things *you* and *your* family like best. If your youngsters like fruit juices or punches, an extra Coleman jug to keep these cool saves ice chest space.

If traveling main highways, buy ahead for only a meal or two. Stores are always handy. Buy the main course—like a fryer for evening camp meal—in mid-afternoon. This saves space and the meal will be fresher. If you will be camping “back in” several days, plan an almost exact menu and buy to fit it precisely.

Outdoor cookery need not be outlandishly fancy to be delicious. A good example for evening, quick and easy, might be green salad, fried chicken, packaged

mashed potatoes, canned peas and hot biscuits. The Coleman stove and oven does it all in 30 minutes.

Really, camp meals fixed with your Coleman equipment are no more difficult and need be no more work than those at home. In fact, they should be less. Probably on your first try, you can zip through a Coleman Holiday meal in a breeze!



PACKING THE CAR

Think before you pack. That's really all the advice you need. Pack all “like” items together, i.e.: sleeping bags and mattresses. The stove you'll use each meal probably along the road. Don't pack it under the tent. Tooth brushes and pajamas go into each person's own suitcase or bag. When you pack the bags, don't mix the youngsters' things in with yours. There should be a place for everything and everything in its place. It's that simple.

Pack things which you may need only once where they don't need to be moved constantly. For instance, rain-gear should be packed in a handy spot where it can be dug out *quickly*, but not where it must be dug out each time you want the nest of kettles!

Some instructions tell you to pack bulky things on bottom, less bulky on top, etc. Pure nonsense. Pack bags and individual cases in order of *use* of the items on a *daily* and *trip* basis. Then pack the car the same.

Cooking equipment and the ice chest go where they come out quickly and easily. Tent and bags go farther back. The Coleman lantern stows in an out-of-the-way spot—but where it doesn't need to be hunted in the dark.

CHECK LIST

Besides the basic tents or other shelter, campers generally consider these items essential to success of a trip:

- ☐ Sleeping bags and liners
- ☐ Air mattresses and repair kit
- ☐ Dish towels, sponge or dishcloth
- ☐ Scouring pads, soap or detergent
- ☐ Paper towels and napkins
- ☐ Toilet tissue
- ☐ Bath towels and face cloths
- ☐ Metal mirror
- ☐ Small washbasin
- ☐ Plastic dishpan
- ☐ Ax or hatchet
- ☐ File and whetstone
- ☐ Cooler and Jug
- ☐ Personal toilet articles
- ☐ Clothesline and clip clothespins
- ☐ Nails and stout cord or soft wire
- ☐ Small shovel
- ☐ Watch or small travel clock
- ☐ Camp stove
- ☐ Aluminum griddle
- ☐ Camp oven
- ☐ Camp lantern; extra fuel, extra mantles if required
- ☐ Flashlights, extra batteries, and bulbs
- ☐ First-aid kit and instructions

The most important packing suggestions are these. Whoever gets something out, puts it back in the same place. Take time to pack neatly and efficiently. Take time to put things away after use. Insist that your children do likewise. Straighten up the glove compartment daily. Find a spot for camera and film away from heat, yet handy. Binoculars, likewise. Plant the first-aid kit where it can be found quickly. Carry an extra car key in your wallet. Keep small flashlights stashed in several locations.

Of course, if you use a camping trailer your chore of packing the car is far less difficult or complicated.

WHAT ABOUT TAKING A PET?

Much as you love your pet, if at all possible leave it at home at a kennel

- ☐ Insect repellents
- ☐ Sheath or pocket knives
- ☐ Folding water bag or bucket
- ☐ Tarpaulins and waterproof throw cloths, windbreaks
- ☐ Raincoats, ponchos, and waterproof foot gear

Items not considered essential, but nice to have on a camping trip:

- ☐ Cot beds and pillows
- ☐ Folding table, chairs or stools
- ☐ Folding toilet seat
- ☐ Paper plates and cups
- ☐ Camp saw with coarse teeth
- ☐ Small broom or whisk broom
- ☐ Small mat or rug for tent door
- ☐ Folding hangers for clothes
- ☐ Lighter, can of fuel, spare flints
- ☐ Plastic and paper bags
- ☐ Tablecloth for camp table
- ☐ Screening for porch or eating area
- ☐ Portable transistor radio or record player
- ☐ Small fire extinguisher
- ☐ Extra eyeglasses if required
- ☐ Wooden hinged-top "grub" boxes
- ☐ Compass and maps for exploring
- ☐ Pliers with wire cutter
- ☐ Screwdrivers
- ☐ Sewing kit, cellophane tape
- ☐ Toys, books, sporting gear

or with friends. Start arrangements on the pet matter some weeks before you leave so it is left happily in safe hands. Then leave on your holiday relieved of the extra burden.

If you must take your pet, remember that pets must be kept leashed or penned in all public places. Your dog is not always allowed to swim where people do. Many motels and some campgrounds do not accept pets. Remember that your dog must be both housebroken and bark-broken for both campgrounds and motels.

LAST MINUTE CHORES

You don't want to worry while you're gone. So, leave the house ship-shape and its insurance likewise. Make certain all lights are turned off, heating system as you want it, off or low, all gas jets

tightly closed and the same for water taps.

Be sure all the doors and windows are locked and deliveries of papers, milk, and other things are stopped temporarily. What about the yard? Is someone going to look after it—and those houseplants? Are you going to have your mail forwarded? It's not difficult to arrange for General Delivery pickups enroute if you are a reasonably good planner.

In other words, all you have to do is make a list of your daily, weekly or monthly routines before you go—including payments to be made, etc.—then check them off—and leave knowing there are no worries to bother you.

ABOUT YOUR CAR

Adequate car insurance—\$100 deductible collision, medical payments, liability and property damage is certainly recommended. To cover baggage many people already have so-called "floater" policies. Some don't want them. If you don't have one, and worry about items being lost, by all means remove the worry by seeing your insurance agent.

The condition of your car, driven back and forth to the office or your job, needs more attention for a vacation trip. Get a check-up at a good garage—brakes, lights, wipers, muffler, wheel alignment, battery and radiator. Do your springs sag? They had better not with the campground load! Check steering and tie rods. Get a tune-up, check the carburetor. Of all car items, *tires* are most important. Don't take chances. Good tires can mean you and your family's lives!



You're On Your Way

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Safety nowadays isn't a wholly personal matter. It concerns everybody. There are certain rules especially applicable to vacation drivers. The basic ones also apply. Fasten those seat belts, for instance. But vacation traffic is impatient. Don't be. This isn't a competition. Plan sensible daily runs, not 600-mile marathons. Roads are strange and terrain probably is also. Use judgment on mountain grades; the pitch can fool you. Don't "bend" your car around the steep curves.

If you can, travel mid-week—not week-ends. Stop early. Hurrying to a campsite or to get to a motel before space is all gone is inviting trouble. You can't cover the whole United States this trip. Decide on just enough distance to cover easily.

KIDS & CONTENTMENT IN THE CAR

Youngsters like scenery but in small doses. Don't expect them to get fired up permanently, as you may. Plan ahead for something for them to do. But, NOT things—such as games you must play with them all the time. An occasional session of "I Spy" is all right, but this is your vacation, too. Books, color books, small games, inexpensive toys purposely brought for them, are all good. Stow a small bag somewhere with a daily "surprise" for each in it—some minor item, a pack of mints, a puzzle. Spring these when they get especially uneasy.

Smart parents also make frequent stops. Not for kids to read the historical signs but for them to run or swing in a village park. Make some sightseeing stops *just* for the kids—animal exhibits, a deer on a hillside studied through the binoculars, a miniature train ride. Keep food or fruit handy to stuff 'em with. And for Heaven's sake dress them so they can get dirty without upsetting you. They'll get dirty anyway. When it's time to eat, don't drive for 50 miles looking

Take a
afternoon



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tap, can be used for dry storage with ice packed in bottom for beverages, etc. Eight shelf ledges for convenient positioning. Four chrome-finished handles to carry upright or horizontal. Logo pivots so it can always be right-side up.



for just the "right" spot. It makes kids grumpy and adults worse.

LUNCH STOPS

This is where all those Coleman conveniences really come into their own. Don't stint on putting together a good, even though simple, lunch. And vary them. A hot one today; a real old-fashioned picnic by the roadside, with tarp or blanket spread under a tree, tomorrow.

It's smart, too, when finishing up breakfast to get lunch set. Fill the Coleman jug with some especially good "surprise" punch for everybody and make some sandwiches and put them in the cooler.

If you plan with some care each day, you may be able to make lunch the key to some special sightseeing, too. Time the drive so you get to that exciting place or sight at midday. This breaks up the day and makes for a general conversation piece all afternoon.

SIGHTSEEING

Some of this is certain to be spontaneous. Things just crop up. But you can work in a lot more enjoyment on any trip if you plan beforehand some specific things you want to see and do. It is so easy to pass by places of interest and wish later that you hadn't. By planning, you don't miss much.

It seems to me, too, as I close this chapter, that camping is in itself the finest kind of sightseeing. Millions are following the camp trails today and for good reasons. As you get more and more camping experience, keep going a little farther "back in." Seek the places off the beaten path. Listen to the silence of the forest and the sound of a stream. With no noise, no crowds, and only "clean" soil underfoot, you'll discover one of the most glorious of all experiences—you and your family doing for a little while nothing but relaxing, dreaming and reveling in the wonderful renewal of nature.

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SETTING UP CAMP

by Maury Delman

SELECTING A CAMPSITE

For the most part, with private and public campsites, concern over site suitability is unnecessary. There is much to be said for selecting a site in organized campgrounds. Very often, they are located in an ideal surrounding—by a beautiful lake or on the sea shore, or with a breathtaking scene of mountain-and-stream. Try to choose campsites so you will have a picture painted by Nature, hanging right in your “living room,” each time you step outside.

Public and private campgrounds also have certain luxuries not available to the wilderness camper. Plenty of tap water, laundrettes, showers, modern toilet facilities, sometimes tennis, golf, grocery delivery, or a trading post, entertainment—to mention just a few.

You might want to pitch your camp

near the water supply—or within a short walk to the swimming pool, or where you can watch an occasional tennis match. This, of course, all depends on your family's personal tastes.

However, to get your choices of sites, plan to arrive at the grounds early enough to reconnoiter.

If your first choice is not ideal, it's a simple matter to move to another site the next day. But, as I said, most sites in the planned campgrounds are suitable, and selection requires little resourcefulness.

Campers wishing to get off by themselves—away from the near-country-club atmosphere of the more sophisticated camps, will, on the other hand, have to make a sound choice. Here, good judgment and experience can be decisive in determining whether a holiday stay will be memorable or just commonplace.

The most important requirement to look for is water. You will need it for personal hygiene, dish and clothes washing and, of course, cooking. Even if the water you are near is suspect, it can still be used if boiled or chemically purified.

Proximity to water is not the same thing as being at water's edge in low ground. Avoid camping in low ground even if a nearby stream is tempting be-

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cause it is handy.

Damp ground is always attended by mosquitoes and equipment will not dry out in the surrounding humidity. Instead, look for high ground with adequate drainage. In this way you will be out of the worst zone of dew and fog.

Partial shading from trees is desirable and it will help to keep your camp comfortable during the hottest hours of the day. Full shade provided by a "deep-in-the woods" site will prevent drying and airing of equipment.

If possible, a campsite should be selected which will provide sunlight during the morning hours and shade thereafter. In this way, your camp will warm quicker and any drying chores can be attended to early. Usually, a tent pitched on the east or northeast side of shaded trees will provide this pattern of sunlight exposure.

Weigh all the factors of sun and wind. Observe the shrubs and trees. Avoid gaps obviously caused by strong wind patterns. These are characterized by lopsided trees that have heavier growth on the side away from the wind.

Another point that might be helpful to remember: if you camp near water, in the daytime the wind will almost always blow off the water and up a draw or canyon; at night when the water is warmer than surrounding terrain, the wind will shift and be drawn down the valley toward the water.

You can also predict how much wind and at what time it will come. For instance, in western camp grounds, strong or the most wind blows from 2 to 5 p.m.; lightest airs are from 3 to 6 a.m.; and sometimes come as late as 10 a.m. in some high peaks or deep valleys.

A flat cleared area is best for any campsite. If you can't find table-flat land, a gentle slope is acceptable. If you have located a site that is good in most ways, the work required to clear the ground for additional space is worth the labors. Rolled-away rocks can be used as seats and benches as well as furnishing the means for a fireplace. Cut saplings can be utilized for rigging up drying lines, building a table or putting up

an overhead tarp for protection while eating.

THE TENT

On the American camping scene, both traditional as well as new style tents are now in use. However, for family camping and for the city-bred vacationer especially, the new approach to tenting has been enthusiastically received. Gone are the heavy ridge poles and guy lines—the bane of old style tenting. Instead of a backbreaking job holding up heavy canvas, spacing poles and regulating guy lines, a modern day tent allows camping families to literally "snap" or "spring" their shelters up.

Striking these tents is as easy as their erection and when folded they are compact enough to fit nicely in a car's trunk. The key to these tenting marvels is found in the ingenious structural members which support the canvas.

The revolutionary line of Coleman tents gives a wide choice for family living and they incorporate the quick setup ridge poles and uprights. Even a boy can put up one or two of them in a couple of minutes.

Over long trips, simple tents no matter how large may not be the best choice. Privacy is denied everyone and its loss will eventually test tempers. So a combination of one large and one small tent could solve your particular problem.

The additional expense of buying a second tent can be justified. Camping's purpose is recreation and should not be made a trial in crowded outdoor living.

PITCHING CAMP

After hunting up a suitable campsite, the family chores first begin. No two families follow the same routine for setting up, but work must be systematized if it is to be done efficiently.

The work is better accomplished if every member of the family is assigned specific tasks. While the tent is going up, someone can be designated to clear the ground for uncluttered space in the

cooking and dining area. Set up your folding chairs and table (if a picnic table is not available) and then, if you have them, relaxing sling chairs and a hammock—all in shady places. Designate a "wash-up" area, and furnish it with basin, canvas water bag, a mirror, and personal hygiene items. Set up the camp cooler chest and the camp stove on their folding stands and place the insulated jug in a handy spot. Meanwhile, mother or daughter can spread a bright table cloth and set the table for a meal in the outdoors!

Hang the lantern in about the center of your camp, get out the transistor radio—or a guitar, if you play one, rig a tarpaulin wind break—or any other niceties you prefer—and your wilderness campsite is ready for a real outdoor holiday.

After a while your family will work out its own system for pitching your camp, and it will go up amazingly fast.

EQUIPMENT

Cooking with Coleman stoves and accessories makes any outdoor chef's job easy.

With Coleman stoves you have a choice between those that fuel with LP-gas and models which burn Coleman fuel or white gasoline. LP-gas is also a most efficient fuel. Nevertheless, I've used gasoline a long time and I'd prefer not to switch.

Although Coleman's folding high stands are listed as an accessory, I find them almost an essential. Two of them set side by side make a handy arrangement and save a cook's back from agony equal to lumbago. If wanted, they can be converted to table stands or used to hold a cooler at convenient height.

HOUSEKEEPING IN CAMP

Camping is not a pastime in derelict living. The same need for personal hygiene and good housekeeping applies in the woods as well as at home. In public

and private campsites, appropriate garbage disposal facilities are provided. Use them so that campers who follow you can enjoy their stay. Where no facilities exist you will have to furnish your own.

WASHING DISHES: The best way to clean utensils is with two pails of hot water, with a detergent in the first. The second bucket is for rinsing.

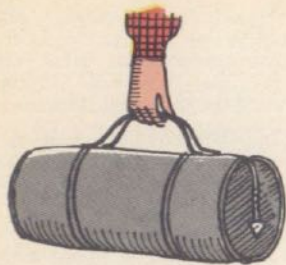
Where water is not plentiful, you can do a good dishwashing job by using the Ol'Timer's technique. Sand is preferable to soil for scouring but both will work. Just gather up a handful of either and rub the utensils until they are free of food material. To rid the scoured pots and pans of any last bit of grease or soiling, dip them in scalding hot water and put them out to dry.

WASHING CLOTHES: Many public and private campsites provide laundry facilities for campers. With pocket change this chore is just like a trip to the neighborhood laundromat, but, lacking this convenience, you can do a satisfactory laundry job by primitive means. Undergarments, socks, cotton shirts and man-made textiles can be cleaned with cold water. With wool a few precautions are in order: Use only lukewarm water and use a bland non-caustic soap. Be sure that you use very sudsy water. By keeping rinse water cold, shrinkage will be minimized.

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING: Sunlight and air are your allies for keeping tenting and bedding refreshed. When weather permits, tents should be thrown open and thoroughly aired out. Sleeping bags should be unzipped and allowed to dry and air-out over a clothes line.

Net laundry bags are excellent for holding dirty clothing prior to washing. Cloth drawstring bags are a neat way to hang up toiletries and personal items. Wherever possible, paraphernalia should be either shelved or hung. The less materials underfoot outside the tent, the less chance there will be of tripping over them in the darkness.

Now that camp and shelter are all set, you're ready to really enjoy it.



YOUR TENT...THE "PACKABLE" HOLIDAY HOME

by Jack Kirkham

Five minutes ago two families (yours and the one at the next campsite) arrived at a beautiful lakeside recreation area. The cool blue waters offer a refreshing swim, water-skiing, fishing and exploring by outboard of the craggy mountain-base shore just across the way.

One family already has their large tent up—a spacious, airy "holiday home." In a few more minutes their entire camp will be set up. Dad, the kids and Mom can start enjoying the great outdoors almost immediately—whether it be the joys of water sports or just relaxing at sundown and then settling down to a comfortable night's rest and slumber in a high-ceilinged, almost "air-conditioned" tent that needs little or no further attention for the rest of their stay.

The other family? Well, they are not-so-merrily wrestling with their outdoor abode—but hopefully it will be in good enough shape by nightfall to be a roof over their heads. It's taking *them* a terribly long, sweaty time. No one knows exactly why. Perhaps the tent is poorly designed. Because a well designed tent is practically child's play to erect, even in the dark, no matter how inexperienced the campers are.

On the other hand, a stubborn tent is usually one that has a jerry-built frame

or some other misguided feature, and would give fits to even professional outdoorsmen. Does this unwieldy tent have a frame that's inaccurately matched? Pole ends that are not color-coded? Maybe there's no simplified adjustment to make the frame fit the tent's always-changing tension.

Or did somebody simply forget to bring an important brace pole or two? Left the stakes back home in a basement corner? Chances are, in the scuffle to get it up, a pole got stepped on and was broken, or is too bent to telescope into its mate. Maybe a zipper's stuck?

The small windows and door could be the big reason this family is in no hurry to get the tent up. They lack enthusiasm, because they know that once it is up, it will offer scant comfort and enjoyment. Without the large screened windows and doors of their happy-go-lucky neighbors' tent, they know what they can look forward to: smothering the night through under a clammy, airless bunch of cotton and pipes that threatens to cave in on them the first time the wind blows.

And worse: when their stay is over they'll just have the whole wrestling match over again—trying to pin the monster down, crushing, kicking and hog-tying all the bulges until it's subdued into

something slightly larger than the car's trunk, where somehow it is finally stuffed.

This is an un-loved, *un-cared-for* tent.

It doesn't take many visits to campgrounds to see such an endurance event—you may have witnessed one yourself—and experiences like these are what give a few people the idea that camping means "roughing" it.

If your family hasn't camped before, and you are about to select your first big family tent, here's how easy it is to be the *smart* family—the one who really enjoys their tent and outdoor holiday.

Take care—before and after you purchase your tent.

First, *be careful* in your choice. After all, you're making a fairly substantial purchase—a good tent that should last you fifteen to twenty years. Make sure you know the essential terms, materials and other factors. Happily, these are few and not complex at all. Then, once you own and use the new tent, *take care of it*.

SELECTING THE BEST TENT FOR YOUR FAMILY

Although there is a confusing welter of tent styles, types and brands, choosing the right tent is far less difficult today than it was a few years ago. Still, as noted above, there are pitfalls, and if you want to avoid tent-wrestling, you'll find the following tips and explanation of the many fabric choices, frame styles, designs and other terminology fairly helpful. Rest assured it is based on *careful* study and the personal experiences of professional outdoorsmen.

You'll want to know, for instance, how to:

- Select the right tent size and design for your family and camping needs
- Recognize sound quality and construction features
- Be sure you're getting the best value for your money

Today, modern tent "architecture" is taking advantage of the many strides in technology—from greatly improved textiles, weaving, processing and treatments. You'll find tents with features for the utmost in outdoor living comfort, in ad-

dition to frame designs that let you erect your tent quickly.

Though many of these "extras" for comfort and simplicity have been developed in the last decade or so, they've been a long time in coming. Tent-making is one of the ancient arts, beginning a thousand years or more B.C., when this portable shelter was not more than an animal skin stretched over sticks. Tents of biblical times were far more livable, and perhaps the most eminent of all tent-makers was Saint Paul, who earned his living at this craft as he traveled spreading the gospel of Christianity. Later in the fifth century, tents were introduced to Western Europe by the Moors. And the 11th century Persian poet Omar Khayyam not only provided his neighbors with songs and discourse on mathematics and astronomy, but a down-to-earth necessity as well—tents.

In our own history colorful hide-covered Indian teepees easily adapted to the life of the hunter tribes, and tents that won the west—cloth lean-to's plus early wall tents, gave rough but ready comfort to explorers, pioneers, gold seekers and others as they pushed back the frontier.

Hollywood's colossal epics have shown us that around the world tents have sheltered many of history's great personages. Cleopatra had her beautifully festooned loggia. Even her famous barge and her personal ships had elegantly appointed tents. The ancient armies of Alexander the Great, and modern armies, too, plus world-shaping explorations and mammoth circuses—all have had one thing in common: traveling homes that folded away for easy portability.

Today, when we are even more mobile—with automobiles, modern highways and thousands of resort-like recreational parks—family and sportsman tents are more popular than ever. Each day of the camping season, millions of Americans "sleep under canvas." Tents by far outnumber all other forms of shelter.

And of course, campers want tents not only for sleeping purposes, but for comfortable living in the daytime as well, to enjoy the great outdoors in all seasons and weather.

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No. 8476-130

Deluxe OASIS Tents in 8.1 oz. Frost Green DRI-TEX Duck. Slanted front and rear walls give added stability. All have 7'6" ridge, 5' high side-walls.

No. 8476-130—2-room Oasis—13' x 10', 2 doors, 2 windows.

No. 8476-129 Oasis—12' x 9', 1 door, 3 windows.

No. 8476-108 Oasis—10' x 8', 1 door, 3 windows.



No. 8456-812

New family-size VAGABOND Tents in 8.1 oz. Desert Gold DRI-TEX Duck. Plumb-wall construction for more usable floor space. 7'6" ridge, 5' high sidewalls. 3 windows, 1 door.

No. 8456-812 Vagabond—12' x 9'

No. 8456-810 Vagabond—10' x 8'

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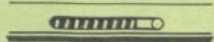
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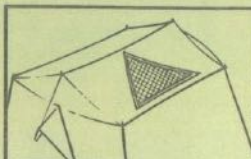
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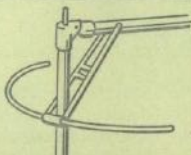
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SELECTING SIZE

Three important factors: *Floor Size* plus *Head Room* and *Usable Space*. Your tent should provide about 23 sq. ft. per person of floor space for general "livability," or 17 sq. ft. per person for sleeping only. Keep in mind that the average camping family spends up to half their holiday hours sleeping or otherwise relaxing in the tent, and thus the more generous size is always the best choice.

Remember, too, that the *stated tent size* on the label is frequently the *cut size*; that is, the dimension of the fabric as cut, and before being hemmed and seamed. Nor does it reflect expected minor shrinkage.

SELECTING DESIGN

A tent of good efficient design doesn't have to be enormous in order to be comfortable. Some design factors, however, will make even a gigantic-sounding tent a "pain in the neck" when it comes to standing up, walking around or trying to stretch out full length. Here are points to consider:

1. Avoid extreme sloping walls and low roof lines that restrict movement.

2. Avoid unduly complicated pole arrangements. You may have to set up your tent under adverse weather and lighting conditions occasionally.

3. Avoid flimsy, easily broken poles or fittings. When you're "out there," it's a long way to the store for replacements.

4. Be sure the poles give proper structural support, both in dry and damp weather. A good frame is equipped with a device for automatically adjusting to the changes of tension in the fabric due to varying levels of humidity. This not only prevents excessive stretching and unsightly sags and wrinkles, but will also add years of service. Further, the frame should have a quick pole-length adjustment. Pole ends should interlock to facilitate one-man erection.

5. If you camp in summer and in moderate climate areas, insist on *ample controlled ventilation*. Big screened windows

(two to three), a door and possibly a skylight—all of which should be closable by zipper from inside the tent. In fact, this design is best for all-around use, because such a system will also keep out the cold air of the far north and winter camping. And with the added skylight, this ventilation arrangement will be capable of pulling in amazing quantities of fresh air—with the skylight acting as a strong up-draft similar to attic vents.

TYPES OF DESIGNS



A. This simple structure — pup or mountain style — is used mainly for small temporary shelters. A favorite of back-packers, hunters and scouts, with sewn-in floor and zippered door, it offers snug shelter and easy erection.



B. Tepee style offers simplicity with obstruction—that of the centerpole support—yet lacks headroom, and is comfortable only for sleeping.



C. Old-fashioned umbrella tent, an improvement over the tepee, especially with an outside frame. Has better headroom, but walls still slope steeply, costing the loss of efficient floor space use. Some curved corner pole assemblies are too complex and not dependable.



D. Pyramid or hip roof style gets the tepee off the ground and has more head room than the umbrella, but can be a real chore to erect. Staking down and adjusting the guy ropes, and avoiding the centerpole takes the fun out of this tent.



E. Back to the umbrella — but with a side-room added to get one vertical wall and a little more usable floor space. Again, unless the frame is exterior and has some simplified extras, the corner pole assembly will not be too satisfactory.



F. Wall tent, long the basic tent of campers and mountain climbers. It is often difficult to erect by one or two persons, and gives limited head room. The inside ridgeline and guy ropes present problems.



G. Modern cabin-style tents have great structural stability, roominess and, with a self-adjusting, simplified exterior support frame, are a growing favorite with family campers. 5-ft. high sidewalls are ample for best all-around general use by a family. Some cabin types are large enough to be equipped with a privacy wall. Coleman makes five of this style—Oasis and Vagabond models—in sizes from 13' x 10' to 10' x 8'.



H. Spring or flexible frame tents which have an inside assembly. All the conveniences of cabin models plus good head room (about 7'4") and more usable space throughout, much like the cabin or wall tent. It has no centerpole, no guy ropes, but with a unique compact pole arrangement, this design goes up in as little as two minutes. In Coleman's patented Flex-Aire tents, flex rods at either end of the roof maintain canvas tautness. The bars "give" slightly to adjust to increased pressure of moist canvas during rain or high humidity. 5' high triangular windows, large entry, and skylights (on two models) give maximum controlled ventilation necessary for all-around camping pleasure. Coleman Flex-Aires (described in greater detail elsewhere in this booklet) range in size from a giant 2-room 14' x 10' model with skylight to a compact "two-man" Flex-Aire with two windows and a large entry.

TENT FABRICS

Fabric, of course, is the most important element in your tent. But it must be com-

bined with "livability" design plus sound construction. As a safeguard to you, reputable manufacturers will supply you with a written warranty or guarantee against defects which may go undiscovered until you actually use the tent later.

Cotton duck is the best tent fabric. Usually it has a high thread count, and ideally it should be of moderate weight—between 7 oz. to 9 oz. per square yard. However, the lighter the weight, the better the grade must be to serve well in a tent. Thus a low quality fabric would need to be above 10 to 12 oz. per square yard to stand up to the demands of average camping. Many of the tents of yesteryear had this bulk, plus a thick wax finish.

Today variations and improvements to close-woven cotton Army Duck make the lighter tent a reality and a blessing. In fact, I have found a plied yarn Army Duck treated with a "dry finish" repellent and weighing about 8 oz. per square yard to be the best for all uses. While extremely durable, it is soft and easy to handle, makes erection, take-down and storage simplicity itself. The "plied yarn" aspect of this material gives it added strength that makes it extremely suitable for certain tent designs. For example, the secret of the Flex-Aire's unique though simple inside support assembly is that the frame both *gives* to and *receives* from the plied yarn duck fabric tremendous stability.

Better quality poplins, twills and ducks are usually dyed and then treated with a mineral base water-repellent. This treatment is referred to as a "dry finish," "bone-dry treatment" or "mineral dry process." It adds no appreciable weight, odor or filling to the fabric. Thus the better grades are easier to handle, and while they will efficiently keep out moisture, still can "breathe."

Low thread-count grades are often treated with a wax base treatment which acts as a filler. This has a coloring agent which can rub off. Weight is doubled, and in cold weather the material stiffens.

By all means, get a tent with a floor sewn in. But make sure it is adequate for the job—tough and waterproof. It should be of a good quality nylon or similar man-made fiber, and heavily shielded with vinyl.

SCREENING

While nylon is excellent in a floor, fiberglass is your best bet for window and door screening. It is almost indestructible, does not "age" appreciably, and thus will remain resilient and tough for years.

STORM FLAPS, WINDOWS

For convenience these should be operable from the *inside* to quickly seal out rain or cold air. The better tents have zippered flaps to eliminate gaps.

THRESHOLDS

This is a must if house cleaning is to be kept at a minimum. A good threshold will keep out dirt and insects, and also can be laid down flat for easy sweeping.

OTHER GOOD FEATURES

Neat, carefully sewn seams. This indicates top calibre workmanship and means usually that greater pains were taken with cutting, attaching zippers and screening, installing floors, and so on.

Reinforcement. Look for rope reinforcement sewn into the floor's perimeter. Check the peg loops, frame loops and other points of great stress. Quality reinforced seams, such as double-lap felled seams, are available on all the tents of the Coleman line.

Zippers. Beware of cheap ones. The big, rust-resistant zippers are the best. If possible, try before you buy, preferably in a set-up tent.

CARE IMPROVES WEAR

If you have chosen your new tent wisely, it will be practically care-free. For instance there will be slight chance of mildew. If you have a self-compensat-

ing frame that is easily adjusted for tension, your tent won't have a tendency to stretch when wet (as some rigid frame tents do), and once you have set it up, it will require only simple, easy adjustments.

However, a few "do's and don'ts" are in order:

If you must pack a damp tent, be sure to air and dry it at the first opportunity, especially before stowing it away for prolonged periods of disuse.

Keep your tent clean. This is a simple matter, really. Side walls do become dusty and grimy. Brush them when needed, particularly before pack-up. Erect the tent and hose it down after a busy season's use, then let it dry before packing it away. As seen earlier, interior floors with zippered threshold are easy to keep clean.

Before taking a tent down, zip up the storm flaps. It will help maintain the tent's "well-tailored appearance," and will assure almost automatic correct frame positioning when you put it up next time.

Most every quality large tent has its own set of carrying bags, one for the tent itself, one for the assembly and stakes. If your tent has such carrying cases, use them. They are designed to not only make your job of handling and storage in the car easier, but also to protect the tent and reduce the amount of space needed for winter storage.

Another nice thing about having all the necessary tent gear in its proper bag: you're less likely to rush off for a weekend's camping only to discover you've left behind some vital ridgepole or brace.

Which could result in a "pitched" battle—you wrestling with your tent—similar to some other people you may see out there occasionally.

Again the main point to remember is: be careful and take care . . . before and after you select your tent . . . and it will take care of your family's outdoor holiday lodging for many happy years to come.

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OUTDOOR HOLIDAY COOKERY AND DINING

by
Hurley Campbell

If one had to name the two most essential items for a successful and enjoyable camping holiday there is little doubt that an over-whelming majority of campers would name (1) a warm, comfortable bed, and (2) tasty, nourishing food. A good night's sleep coupled with three good meals a day are absolutely essential if a camping trip of any kind is to be truly enjoyed by all.

Family camping, the fastest growing outdoor endeavor in numbers of participants, calls for cooperative effort among all concerned. Modern camping conveniences, especially on the cooking

front, have kept pace with camping's growth. Cooking no longer is confined to those dishes that could be prepared over an open fire—usually burned or underdone to be sure but, in a sense, palatable.

Today's camper, with little capital outlay, can dine like a king no matter how far he has wandered into the boondocks. Zesty, tasty foods can be prepared in minutes.

Good equipment is the answer to camp cooking problems. It starts with a camp stove of course. Coleman models are the best—check any camp ground and you'll find far more of these fine units in use than any other combination of brands. There has to be a reason. Dependability, ease of operation and adaptability sum up the superiority of Coleman stoves.

Practical and low-cost accessories enhance the capabilities of the stoves. An aluminum folding stand, toaster-griddle-broiler, and the folding oven are supplemental units that make the Coleman holiday "kitchen" one capable of han-

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dling any cooking problem.

Make these, together with such items as Coleman extra-bright lanterns, catalytic heater for those chilly mornings, a small LP-gas stove to keep the coffee pot hot while meals are being prepared, Snow-Lite coolers for foods that need refrigeration and picnic jugs for either hot or cold liquids, as a part of your camping equipment. You're then well on the way to insuring a pleasant outing because you know you have camping gear that is dependable.

Good food, tasty, nourishing and easily prepared is the basic aim of every camper no matter where he wanders. Unfortunately, it is impossible to detail a list of food or meals that would satisfy everyone. But there are basic items that must be part and parcel of every food box if satisfactory meals are to be served.

Such items as salt and pepper, coffee and sugar, small portions of herbs and spices, flour, etc., are necessary to any basic cooking endeavor. But there is little use to add items as corn meal for frying fish if you don't intend to fish or if your family does not like to eat them. Your basic food list then becomes a collection of those things that you and your family can use effectively.

But there are items that campers, especially neophytes, often overlook or forget that can add immeasurably to the enjoyment of the trip. *Dried fruits* that are easily prepared, nourishing and tasty; *jellies* and *jams* for those inevitable between meal snacks; *puddings* that mix with either cold or hot water to furnish quick desserts; *powdered milk* and sweetened *instant chocolate* for early morning or night-time drinks—these and many more can be utilized at camp and are easily stowed and carried on trips.

There are others that every camper will think of and want to add to his list. Personal tastes and preferences for certain foods definitely dictate the makeup of the basic food list.

Our family, after many camping sorties, has finally arrived at certain basic rules that make our trips much more enjoyable and make our food box more easily handled. We always, repeat *always*,

work out tentative menus for almost every meal prior to taking the trip. No matter the length of time—a day, week, or longer—we make this meal planning a cardinal rule. These menus, I hasten to say, are not rigid. In truth, they are extremely flexible and subject to change—and are changed as the need arises.

But such a list gives us the one basic necessary for any camping trip—we know beforehand exactly how much of any given food we need on the trip. We don't guess—we know. But we also know that appetites increase by leaps and bounds on camping trips so we always increase the basic quantities by about one-third. Don't worry, it won't be wasted.

We know, also, that we are not carrying items with us that we cannot use. Our meals are balanced, nourishing and composed of those foods that we like and will eat.

Campers in National and State parks, as well as those on most private campgrounds, are usually never too far from a place where perishables can be easily obtained. We try never to stock up too many of these, preferring to buy them as we travel or as we need them.

Let's take a look at a typical, one-day listing of food for three meals, two adults and two very active, always-hungry boys.

MORNING

Eggs

Bacon

Grits—A southern dish, naturally—you counterparts north of the Mason-Dixon line will substitute potatoes.

Toast and Jelly

Milk and Coffee

NOON

Hamburgers—the GIANT size—two per person with lettuce, tomatoes, the works.

Potatoes—rubbed liberally with butter, wrapped in heavy foil, shoved into the coals on the campfire.

Milk—laced with chocolate malted milk mixture.

Canned fruit and cookies.

Coffee—we manage to keep a pot of coffee going at all times in camp.

NIGHT

Steak—fry slowly in skillet until brown, add chopped onions, celery, garlic, parsley, seasoning to taste; add about 1½ cups water and let simmer slowly until meat is tender and gravy savory.

Rice—needed for that delicious gravy but mashed potatoes (the instant kind are excellent) can be substituted. We steam our rice until every grain falls apart.

Vegetables—usually two (a size 2½ can of each)—say, creamed corn and green beans.

Milk—lace it again with chocolate.

Coffee—by now you must know I'm a coffee fiend.

Pudding—for dessert.

Cookies—don't tell me we don't know how to keep those youngsters happy!

There it is—one day, one menu, nourishing and easily prepared. It contains all the vitamins and calories needed for a strenuous day of outdoor fun.

Only *you* can gauge the right quantities. After all, who knows better than you how much your family eats. Any hard and fast rule as to how much of anything to take is left entirely up to you.

Just remember a bit of advice I gave you earlier. Increase all quantities by at least one-third to take care of that extra appetite brought on by increased activity, fresh air and clean living!

Not going to be anywhere near a spot that will let you replenish your perishables every few days?

Don't let it bother you in the least. Everything on the above listed menu can be had in either instant, dehydrated or freeze-dry form—and don't wrinkle your nose at the idea.

Recently we took a three-week jaunt through the West, camping all the way, and we used this type food on a test

basis. We had a wide variety and we tried everything at one time or the other. Most we found to be excellent—some did not suit our taste but this is a matter of individuality rather than a reflection on the food.

On a general basis we rated the dehydrated soups, desserts, most vegetables and meat dishes as excellent. The vegetables and meats that didn't measure up were the result, partially, of variance in tastes and, especially as far as the main meat dishes were concerned, lack of proper seasoning to bring out true flavor. Some of these were corrected with additions of onions, celery, herbs and spices and other additives.

Here again we enter that realm of personal likes and dislikes. Our advice would be to test these items in small quantities before you take them on a camping trip. They are compact and space-savers and definitely have a place on any camping food list but your family taste buds will determine which you will use.

We tried, and especially liked, the relatively new freeze-dry food. It's tasty and savory, easily prepared, nourishing and we haven't as yet found any of it that we didn't like. Especially good, too, are the soups. Concentrated and flavorful, they make wonderful appetizers.

None in our family especially likes powdered eggs or milk per se on camping trips. Mix the eggs with finely chopped bacon or ham, season properly, and you'll have as fine an omelet as can be prepared. Stir that ever-present instant chocolate into the powdered milk and it makes not only an acceptable but good drink.

So you've accumulated your holiday foodstuff and the question is now, what and where to put all the boxes, bags, jars and cans so that they will be safe and protected from breakage and spillage.

We find a plywood food box, a handy-man project designed to fit our needs, an ideal item to carry with us. It fits in the back of the station wagon, has detachable legs and a fold down front that serves as a table for food prepara-



On a **Coleman** Holiday . . .

enjoy piping hot meals in minutes—morning, noon or night!

Prepare your favorite foods — biscuits, roasts, TV dinners, casseroles, chops, pancakes, sizzling hot bacon, eggs and coffee —or bake a cake! Perfect and perfectly wonderful in the great outdoors. Your family can enjoy complete hot meals or snacks—the tasty foods they want, when and where they want them . . . and for just supermarket prices!

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New! No. 591B499—Aluminum Folding Highstand, holds all Coleman Camp Stoves at kitchen range height. Also ideal as base for Coolers and table tops. Corrosion-resistant. Designed to lock rigidly, give sturdy support, yet folds easily to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2" x 26" size for convenient carrying, storage.

New! No. 5010A700—Camp Oven bakes popular dishes just like at home. Designed for use on Coleman Camp Stoves, electric hot plates, gas burners. Heavy gauge steel finished in black and copper. Folds flat for storage. Adjustable steel bake rack. Easy-to-read thermometer. Approximately 11" x 11" inside.

tion. Loaded, it's rather heavy, to be sure, but not too much so.

And we've found, also, that bags tend to burst open and glass jars to break—even with the most careful handling. But this is an easily solved dilemma. Check with your local Tupperware dealer and you'll find that this company has come forth with air-tight, locking containers that are a blessing to the camper. They come in a wide variety of sizes and shapes and are the most easily adaptable packages for wise utilization of space I've found anywhere.

Jams and jellies should be emptied from jars and placed in a suitable plastic container; bagged items such as flour and sugar become non-spillage in Tupperware containers; even items like catsup, mustard and mayonnaise fit into squirt-type oval holders even more usable than the original packaging.

There are a number of other items that make camping, and camp cooking, a pleasure rather than a chore. For instance, collapsible canvas water bags don't take up space and serve their purpose well.

Heavy aluminum foil is a must on

the holiday trip. We've listed potatoes baked in the coals of the camp fire as one edible that can be prepared without haste or work, with foil. It can be double-folded, attached to a stick and shaped into a very usable skillet; drop a couple of strips of bacon over the breast of a plump frying chicken, wrap it tightly in foil and lay it on the fire—in short order you have a meal fit for a king; clean fish, garnish heavily with lemon strips and butter, wrap in foil and drop on a bed of coals—the sizzling sound while it is cooking will whet those taste buds to a sharp turn; wrap fresh vegetables and let them cook in their own juice with only a bit of seasoning added for flavor. The use of this item is almost unlimited.

But, most of all, use a little imagination in your preparation of meals. Don't stick to just those items that you know your family likes but, rather, try a few experiments with food. Jaded appetites perk up on camping trips—maybe they'll develop tastes for new items.

Cooking in camp can be fun! Give it a try on our suggested planned menu basis and see!

TRY CAJUN CAMP COOKING

Sauce Piquante

- 2-4 lbs. meat (chicken, ducks, squirrel, rabbit, etc.)
- 5 tablespoons cooking oil
- 3 medium size onions
- celery
- 2-3 cloves garlic
- 1 bell pepper
- 1 can tomato sauce
- salt, black and red pepper

Lightly brown seasoned meat in oil; remove and set aside; add onions, garlic, celery, etc., and allow to wilt, not brown; add tomato paste and sauce, let simmer for 15-20 minutes; add meat and 1½ cups water; cook very slowly until meat is tender, adding just a little water as needed so as to have a thick gravy. Serve on rice or as you normally use gravy.

Try it on spaghetti—you'll love it!

Hush Puppies

- 2 cups corn meal
- 3 teaspoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 cup finely chopped green onions
- 1 egg
- hot milk (about 1 cup)
- ½ teaspoon black pepper (optional)

Pour enough boiling water over meal, salt, flour, chopped onion and black pepper to form a stiff mush. Add this to milk, well beaten egg and baking powder. Drop by spoonfuls into deep hot cooking oil; fry until a golden brown. Delicious with fish.

(Other recipes begin on page 40)

TIPS TO MAKE HOLIDAY COOKING EASIER AND MORE FUN

Settled on your list of basics for your food box? Fine, but here are a few other items that might make camping and cooking more enjoyable.

- Use cubes instead of bulk sugar.
- Thought of pickles and relish? Adds taste to meals.
- Soap, towels, dishcloths, scouring pads—needed and useful.
- Herbs and spices—small amounts and only those your family likes.
- Try canned stews—add those herbs or spices, chopped celery and onions, other seasoning and they are fine main dishes.
- Dried fruits—to be cooked or eaten as they come from the package.
- Have an assortment of plastic bags on hand. Fine for storage of leftovers in the cooler.
- Paper plates, napkins and cups save wear and tear on the dish washer. Be sure to dispose of them properly.
- It's heavy and a chore to haul around but no one has ever invented anything that will beat an iron Dutch oven for cooking meats, stews and the like.
- The nestled aluminum cooking sets

are hard to beat for camp cooking convenience.

- Wieners and marshmallows are a must, of course, if you have children. They'll have their own cookout over the campfire after the meals.
- Camp dish water should be really hot to be effective. Bring along a dish mop and rubber gloves to make the chore easier.
- Scour greasy pots and pans with sand before plunging into the dish water. Two pans of hot water are best—wash in one, rinse in the other.
- Take along plenty of clothes for the kids. They're having fun when they get dirty—so don't spoil it.
- Fruit juice is a fine any-time drink in camp.
- Pancake mix, spatula, Coleman griddle—almost instant breakfast.
- A corn popper and supply of popcorn let children do-it-themselves.
- Peanut butter, cookies, hard candy—all are good for those between-meal snacks that the kids will demand.
- Check roadside markets. Corn on the cob, wrapped in foil with some water added will steam beautifully, just peel off the shuck, add butter and dive in.
- Take a whole, big white onion and quarter it. Butter each section, salt well and put back together, wrap in foil and place on a bed of coals. Even non-onion eaters will try this one.

COOKING AND TABLE EQUIPMENT

- Large cooking pot
- Coffeepot
- Nested pots, pans; or, two cooking pots and frying pan
- Cooking fork, tongs, spatula
- Cooler and Jug
- Camp stove and extra fuel
- Folding stand for stove
- Camp Oven
- Toaster-Griddle-Broiler
- Potholders or asbestos gloves
- Flatware, plate, cup, bowl for each camper
- Serving spoons and serving fork
- Carving knife or sheath knife
- Paring knife
- Ice pick, can opener
- Aluminum foil, wax paper, saran wrapping
- Matches in waterproof container



RECIPES

MORNING

Hot Stacks

Prepare Pillsbury Extra Light, Hungry Jack Buttermilk or Deluxe Buckwheat Pancake Mix as directed on package. Stack alternately with hot thin slices of Canadian bacon, ham, SPAM or sausage patties. Or stir in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped cooked meat for each 2 cup recipe. Either way pancakes stay hot longer. Serve with butter and hot syrup.

Western Scramble

(serves 4)

- 4 serving recipe Pillsbury Hash Brown Potatoes
- 4 tablespoons butter
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon pepper
- 4 tablespoons water
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons nonfat dry milk solids
- 4 eggs
- 1 can (4 oz.) Vienna sausages, sliced

In a skillet cook potatoes as directed on package; drain well. Add butter; cook until potatoes are crisp and golden. Combine water and dry milk solids; add eggs and blend well. Pour over potatoes; add sausages. Cook, stirring occasionally, until eggs are set.

Pineapple Syrup

Combine 1 cup (12-oz. jar) pineapple jam or preserves with $\frac{1}{3}$ cup water in small saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Serve warm.

NOON

Potato Vegetable Chowder

(serves 4-6)

- $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups Pillsbury Hash Brown Potatoes
- 4 cups water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 can (1 lb.) corn
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- 1 jar (2 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.) chipped beef, chopped
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup nonfat dry milk solids
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water

Cook potatoes in 4 cups water with 1 teaspoon salt for 25 minutes. Do not drain. Add corn and liquid, butter, Worcestershire sauce, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt and chipped beef. Dissolve dry milk solids in cold water. Stir into soup. Heat thoroughly, stirring occasionally.

Cooler Salad

(serves 6)

- 4 serving recipe Pillsbury Hash Brown Potatoes
- 1 can (8 oz.) kidney beans, drained
- 1 can (8 oz.) green or yellow snap beans, drained
- 2 teaspoons instant minced onion
- 3 to 4 tablespoons French, Italian or oil and vinegar dressing
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped celery with tops
- salt to taste
- pepper to taste

Chill beans in cooler. Cook potatoes as directed on package; drain well and cool. Add onion to dressing; let stand 5 minutes. Toss dressing with vegetables. Season with salt and pepper and serve.

CHEF SPECIAL RICE

(serves 8)

- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- 1½ cups uncooked rice
- ¼ of lemon
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 3 tablespoons chopped onions

Combine broth, salt, rice, lemon and butter. Bring to a boil; stir well and cover. Reduce heat and simmer for 14 minutes, or until rice is tender and liquid absorbed.

Remove from heat; add parsley and onions. Toss lightly with a fork.

CHICKEN AND RICE MEDLEY

(serves 6)

- 1 2½ lb. fryer, unjointed
- Salt and pepper to taste
- ¾ cup minced onions
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- ½ cup minced green pepper
- ¼ cup minced parsley
- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 tomatoes, cut in eighths
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- Pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon rosemary

Melt butter in frying pan. Season chicken pieces and brown. When brown,

remove chicken to sheet pan. Add onions, green pepper, and parsley. Saute until tender. Add rice, broth, tomatoes, and seasonings. Stir well and return to boiling point. Place chicken pieces on top. Cover with a tight fitting lid. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes, without peeking.

NIGHT

Sausage 'n Egg Camp Pie

(serves 4)

- 1 package Pillsbury Hash Brown Potatoes
- 4-ounce can Vienna sausages
- salt and pepper
- 4 eggs

Simmer and drain potatoes (4 servings) following directions on package. Fry sausages until browned; set aside. Fry potatoes as directed on package. Season with salt and pepper. When potatoes are golden brown, reduce heat. Place sausages on potatoes to outline 4 wedges. Break eggs one at a time, placing one egg on potatoes in each wedge. Season with salt and pepper. Cover and cook until eggs are set. Cut into 4-pie-shaped servings. (Continued on next page)

For "Meals-in-Minutes" Convenience

FREEZE-DRY FOODS

Campsite Breakfast

Fluffy scrambled eggs, tender cubed ham, golden crisp hashed brown potatoes. 2 servings. Hearty! Net wt. 5¼ oz.

Wilson's Certified Bacon Bar

Here's pre-fried bacon pressed into a bar. Delicious when crumbled on beans, potatoes, in eggs or flapjack batter—or to eat on the trail. Net wt. 3 oz.

Campsite Pork Chop Dinner

Thick, boneless chops, crisp hashed brown potatoes, sweet applesauce, garden-fresh green beans. 2 servings. Net wt. 7 oz.

Wilson's Certified Beef Steaks

Sizzling, tender beef steaks . . . as you like them in just minutes. Net wt. 2 oz.

DRY/CANNED MIXES

Tuna and Noodles

Bite-size egg noodles and tuna. Vegetable sauce. Net wt. 15½ oz.

Martha Gooch Spaghetti Dinner

Prepared meat sauce. Italian spaghetti, grated parmesan cheese. Net wt. 1 lb. 2 oz.

Martha Gooch Beef and Noodles

Bite-size egg noodles, beef-vegetable sauce. Net wt. 15¾ oz.

Chicken 'n Dumplings

Egg noodle dumplings, prepared chicken-vegetable sauce. Net wt. 15½ oz.

Martha Gooch Noodles Romanoff

Egg noodles and Romanoff seasoning mix. Serves 4. Net wt. 6-2/3 oz.

NIGHT (continued)

INDIAN STEW

(serves 8-10)

- 1 cup thinly sliced onion
- 1 cup coarsely chopped green pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup olive oil
- 2 lbs. ground beef
- 1 can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 can red kidney beans, drained
- 2 cans tomato sauce
- 1 tablespoon steak sauce
- Dried basil and mustard, salt and pepper

Saute pepper and onion in oil. Add beef and brown. Pour in balance of ingredients and dried basil, dry mustard, salt and pepper. Cover and simmer 15 to 20 minutes.

CHUCK WAGON SPECIAL

For each sandwich, cook 1 tablespoon chopped onion in 1 tablespoon bacon fat in hot skillet. Place a slice of SPAM or similar prepared meat in skillet, pushing onion around SPAM. Break an egg over this, breaking up yolk with fork. Cook covered until egg begins to set, then cover with a thin layer of tomato sauce. Cover and cook for 2 minutes. Place the patty and sauce between slices of hot buttered bun. Serve extra tomato sauce with it.

HUNGARIAN GOULASH

(serves 6)

- 3 lbs. chuck or bottom round
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons instant meat tenderizer
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon shortening or drippings
- 2 onions, sliced
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste or chili sauce
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup beef bouillon or water
- 1 cup broad noodles

Prepare all surfaces of the meat, *one side at a time*, as follows:

1. Thoroughly moisten meat with water —pat the water on from the faucet with your fingers, use a pastry brush, or draw a wet fork across the surface. Sprinkle instant meat tenderizer evenly over the entire surface of the meat, using about $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon per pound. Use no salt.

2. To insure penetration and retain meat juices, pierce deeply with a kitchen fork at approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch intervals. Meat is ready for cooking immediately. Sprinkle with pepper and paprika.
3. Heat shortening in heavy kettle or Dutch oven; brown meat on all sides; remove to platter.
4. Add garlic and onions to skillet; saute until onions are transparent.
5. Return meat to skillet; add remaining ingredients, except noodles. Cover tightly; simmer slowly until meat is tender, about 1 hour. During last half hour of cooking, add noodles.

LAYERED PORK CHOPS

(serves 4)

- 4 shoulder pork chops, $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick
- 2 large potatoes, thickly sliced
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon caraway seeds, if desired
- 1 No. 2½ can sauerkraut
- 4 tart apples, peeled and sliced
- 2 medium onions, sliced

Prepare all surfaces of meat, *one side at a time*, as follows:

1. Thoroughly moisten meat with water —pat the water on from the faucet with your fingers, use a pastry brush, or draw a wet fork across the surface. Sprinkle instant meat tenderizer evenly over the entire surface of the meat, using about $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon per pound.
2. To insure penetration and retain meat juices, pierce deeply with a kitchen fork at approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch intervals. Meat is ready for cooking immediately.
3. Brown chops in skillet over moderate heat. Use skillet with tight-fitting cover. Remove chops to plate.
4. Pour 1 cup water into skillet; swirl to pick up juices. Pour into cup or bowl. Pour half of sauerkraut into skillet.
5. Slice apples over sauerkraut; add sliced onions and potatoes. Sprinkle with caraway seed, if desired. Cover with remaining sauerkraut. Arrange browned chops over sauerkraut. Pour water and pan juices over chops.
6. Cover casserole and simmer slowly for 1 hour.

Chili Stacks

(serves 4-6)

- 1 package Pillsbury Buttermilk or Extra Light Pancakes
- ½ cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 1-lb. cans chili with beans

Prepare and bake Pancakes as directed on package adding Cheddar cheese with the dry mix. Heat chili. Spoon ¼ cup hot chili on each Cheddar pancake. Stack pancakes and sprinkle with additional Cheddar cheese. Serve hot.

Skillet Corn Bread

- 1 package Pillsbury Yellow Corn Muffin Mix
- 3 slices bacon

Dice bacon; fry slightly in skillet. Prepare muffin mix as directed on package. Pour over bacon. Cover tightly. Cook over lowest flame on auxiliary burner of Coleman stove for 15 minutes. Cornbread is done when top is firm and dry. Or, bake in Coleman oven at 475° for 15 to 20 minutes.



SIMPLE DESSERT DELIGHTS

Caramel Peach Dessert

(serves 4-5)

- 1 package Pillsbury One Layer Size Coconut Almond Frosting Mix
- 1 can (16 oz.) sliced or halved peaches
- 2 tablespoons butter
yellow or pound cake slices, if desired

Combine peach syrup, frosting mix and butter in saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Add coconut and almonds. Spoon over peaches in serving dishes. If desired, serve fruit and sauce over cake slices.

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

(serves 8-9)

- 1 package Pillsbury One Layer Size Golden Yellow Cake Mix
- 1 can (1 lb. 4½ oz.) sliced or crushed pineapple
- ¼ cup butter
- ½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- maraschino cherries

Drain pineapple well. Melt butter in 8-inch square pan, remove from heat and

stir in brown sugar. Arrange fruit over mixture.

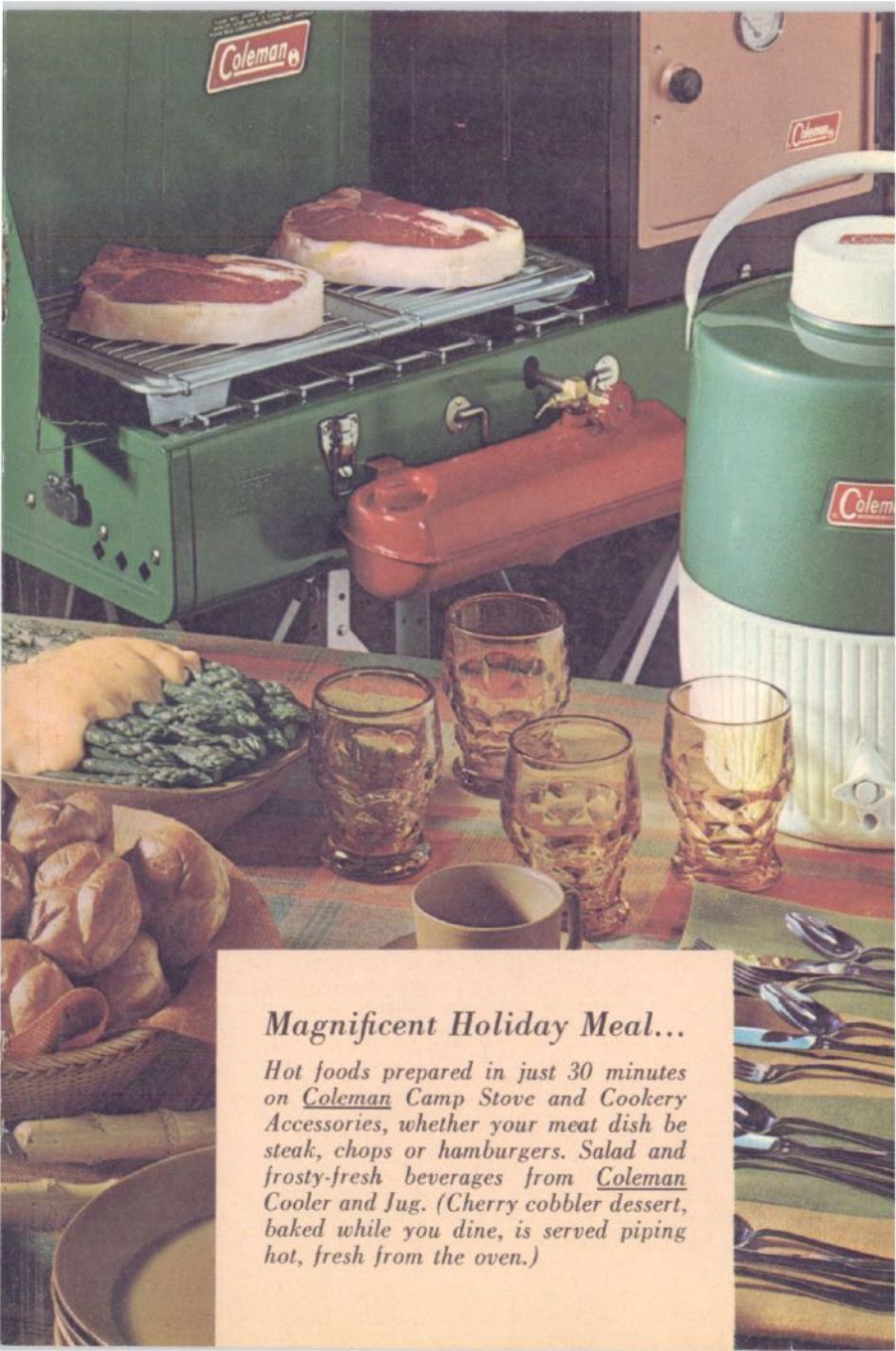
Prepare cake mix as directed on package and pour over pineapple. Bake at 350° for 40 to 50 minutes until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Loosen cake from sides of pan with spatula and invert immediately on serving plate; remove pan.

Easy Cherry Cobbler

- 1 package Pillsbury One Layer Size Golden Yellow Cake Mix
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 can prepared cherry pie filling

Combine dry cake mix and cinnamon. Cut in butter. Press about ⅔ of mixture in 8-inch square. Bake at 400° for 10 to 12 minutes until light golden brown. Spread with pie filling. Sprinkle with remainder of crumb mixture. Bake at 400° for 20 to 25 minutes until topping is golden brown.





Magnificent Holiday Meal...

Hot foods prepared in just 30 minutes on Coleman Camp Stove and Cookery Accessories, whether your meat dish be steak, chops or hamburgers. Salad and frosty-fresh beverages from Coleman Cooler and Jug. (Cherry cobbler dessert, baked while you dine, is served piping hot, fresh from the oven.)



COMPARATIVE DINING COSTS (approximate)

At a Restaurant		From Supermarket and Camp Stove	
Breakfast		Breakfast (per person)	
Orange juice	}	Orange juice	\$0.10 (20c can)
2 eggs		2 eggs	.11 (65c doz.)
Bacon		Bacon	.20 (\$1.00 lb.)
Coffee		Coffee	.03 (90c lb.)
Toast		Toast	.02 (29c 1½lb. loaf)
			<u>\$0.46</u>
For Four People	\$5.00	Total For	
Plus Tip	.75	Four People	\$1.84
Total	\$5.75		
Lunch		Lunch (per person)	
Hot soup	}	Hot soup	\$0.09 (36c can)
Small pork chop		Small pork chop	.32 (\$1.29 lb.)
Rice		Rice	.04 (21c sm. pkg.)
Applesauce		Applesauce	.07 (25c can)
Hot tea		Hot tea	.05 (\$1.74 lb.)
Apple pie		Apple pie	.08 (baked in Coleman oven)
			<u>\$0.65</u>
For Four People	\$6.60	Total For	
Plus Tip	1.00	Four People	\$2.60
Total	\$7.60		
Dinner		Dinner (per person)	
Green salad	}	Green salad	\$0.12
Roast beef		Roast beef	.90 (\$1.15 lb.)
Baked potato		Baked potato	.02 (15c lb.)
Green peas		Green peas	.09 (18c can)
Ice cream		Ice cream	.10 (40c pint)
Cookies		Cookies	.09 (40c pkg.)
Coffee		Coffee	.03 (90c lb.)
			<u>\$1.35</u>
For Four People	\$11.80	Total For	
Plus Tip	1.75	Four People	\$5.40
Total	\$13.55		

Cost comparison of identical complete menus—a family of four dining in restaurants versus Coleman Outing dining. Restaurant meals per day average nearly \$27.00, or for nine days \$242.10. On a Coleman Holiday, food costs per day average less than \$10.00, or for nine days \$87.56. A saving of \$154.54.



COMPARATIVE DAILY LODGING COSTS (approximate)

Family of Four	Campground Fees	Camp equipment cost depreciation	Total	Motel Total
	\$1.75	\$1.25*	\$3.00	\$17.00

*For tent camping, based on an approximate total cost of \$280, with use expectancy of 15-20 years, used 14 days each year, as calculated by author John Gartner.

Pro-rated cost of camping equipment per season is \$17.50. Total lodging costs on a nine-day Coleman Holiday, approximately \$27.00. Total motel expenses during same period \$153.00. **This represents a saving of about \$126.**

Total Costs Saved on 9-Day Vacation (Coleman Holiday tent travel versus conventional travel)

Food	\$154.54 saved
Lodging	\$126.00 saved
Total Amount Saved	\$280.54

Other travel costs, such as automobile, gasoline, entertainment, shopping, etc., could be virtually the same in either plan, and therefore are not compared. For purposes of figuring mileage, however, it is estimated that mileage costs average 3c-4c per mile. Other costs can be as much or as little as your inclination or budget allow.

Note: For a Coleman CT-1 camping trailer, the estimated pro-rated yearly cost averages \$50 to \$60, or about \$4 a day when used as few as 14 days each season.

USE FEES IN FEDERAL RECREATION AREAS

Use fees are charged in areas offering improved facilities such as: Access and circulatory roads, parking, drinking water, toilet facilities, refuse containers, picnic tables, adequate tent or trailer spaces, boat launching ramps or facilities.

SITES

Camp and trailer sites—\$1 to \$3 for overnight use.

Picnic sites—\$0.50 to \$0.75 per site/day.

Boat launching sites—\$0.50 to \$1.50 for daily fee.

Use fees are also charged for boat storage and handling, vehicle and trailer parking, ferries, swimming pools, firewood and guided tours.

FACILITIES

Lockers—\$0.25 per locker daily.

Bathhouses—\$0.25-\$0.50 per day per person 6 years or over.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Boats, row—A minimum of \$1 per boat per day or fraction thereof.

Boats, motorized—A minimum of \$5 per boat per day or fraction thereof.

FISH FRIES

There's hardly a delicacy in the world to equal your own fresh caught fish, cooked outdoors. There are four basic methods of preparing fish—baking, broiling, steaming and pan-frying. The two most common mistakes when cooking fish are high heat and over-cooking. Coleman camp stoves are easily regulated to give just the right heat intensity you want.

Campsite Perch

- 3 lbs. pan-dressed perch
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons salt
- dash pepper
- dash paprika
- 3 strips bacon, cut in half

Clean, wash and dry fish. Cut 12" size squares of heavy duty aluminum foil, grease lightly. Divide fish into six portions and place on one side of each square. Sprinkle fish with onion, salt, pepper and paprika. Put bacon on top.

Fold other half of foil over fish and seal edges by making double folds. Place packages on Coleman Griddle. Cook for 15 minutes, turning twice.

To serve, cut a big crisscross in the top of each package and fold back foil.

Fisherman's Delight

- 6 pan-dressed bluegills, crappie, white bass or other small fish
- 1 cup pancake mix
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1 small bottle of 7-Up
- salt and pepper to taste
- shortening

Combine 1 cup pancake mix, egg and 7-Up. (Batter will be thinner than ordinary pancake batter.) Set aside.

Dip filets or whole fish in dry pancake mix, let stand, dry, for 20 minutes.

Sprinkle dried filets or whole fish with salt and pepper. Dip in batter and pan-fry until golden brown. Deee-licious. The batter clings to the fish, and puffs up as it cooks.

Crispy Rainbow Trout

- 6 pan-dressed rainbow trout
- 1/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- dash pepper
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 12 slices bacon

Combine milk, salt and pepper. Mix together flour, cornmeal and paprika. Dip fish in milk mixture and roll in dry ingredients. Fry bacon until crisp in heavy skillet. Remove bacon and use fat for frying. Fry fish on each side about 5 minutes. Serve with the bacon.

TIPS ON BROILING STEAKS

How do chefs say you should broil steaks? Well, there are *two* popular methods.

One is to let the steaks thaw slowly in your cooler so they will assimilate their own juices in the process of thawing.

The other method is to place the steaks right on the fire-hot grill while they are still frozen.

But, whichever way suits you best, there is one broiling technique that makes a tremendous difference to the finish and flavor of the steaks.

This "chef's secret" is simple and so sensible!

When placing either a thawed or frozen steak on the fire, the moisture on the surface of the steak can instantly turn into steam (at 190° F). The steak is

literally *boiled*, which is a bad way to treat a steak.

To prevent boiling, chefs now coat the steaks with a thin film of good vegetable or mineral oil, or butter. This coating will not boil until it reaches 400° to 440° F. White-hot, intense heat is conducted straight to the meat and quickly sears its surface. This *seals in* and *saves* the flavorful juices of the steak!

Also, pre-heat your broiling equipment at a high setting. Then adjust the flame so that it is an inch or so away from the broiler.

When steaks are done the way you like them, pull them from the fire and let them "cool" for two or three minutes before serving. In this time, the temperature in each steak will equalize.



THE CAMPERS DAY

by George Laycock

Most campers will find golden opportunities for family adventures. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination and the length of the day. This is a big wonderful scenic land, and camping families enjoy finding new and exciting things to do and places to see.

To get the most out of a camping trip, give some advance thought to how you will spend your free time. With today's modern camping equipment there will be no long hours of wood chopping or gathering materials for making comfortable beds. The days will be free for fun. By selecting routes and camp grounds carefully you can camp close to favorite attractions and consequently make the most of your vacation opportunities.

Choose your campgrounds to match your own family plans. Some areas are best suited to day-long swimming parties. Frequently these are the big and busy camping areas. Or you might want to search out the small camping areas. Frequently these are to be found in the National Forests, and can be the finest of all for hiking, fishing and exploring wilderness.

You'll find the variety will more than

match your preferences. There are usually exciting activities of all kinds for every member of the family. Or you might want to spend a good part of your day just relaxing in your hammock with a good book.

But to take as an example what might be a typical camping day:

MORNING

You're up early after one of the soundest sleeps you ever had. And even though it's cozy in your sleeping bag, a really new day and new experiences are calling.

First rouse out the sleepy-headed kids. But let Mom catch another forty winks while you and the youngsters hang out sleeping bags and generally secure camp.

Then before breakfast—SWIM CALL. Everyone can take a dip in a nearby stream, lake or pool. Then back to camp for a wash up.

Now get out the cooler and camp stove. Soon bacon and eggs are sizzling over hot blue flames. Coffee's coming to boil and adding to the aroma of breakfast out-of-doors. Hot cakes, too, if you like, on a broiler-griddle. Or a pan of golden brown biscuits is ready in the camp oven.

Enjoy it all right there in your camp in the great outdoors. You'll say breakfast never tasted better.

Then what's next? Is there a lake or river? How about water-skiing, or sailing? Or everyone can grab his rods and reels and catch lunch.

What about hiking? Morning's a par-

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ticularly good time to follow a mysterious mountain trail. If there are riding horses available, you can all take an hour's ride up the trail or across meadows and over little picturesque bridges.

Remember before leaving your camp for the day's activities to secure it against pests and weather. Food should be put out of reach of visiting animals, either domestic or wild. In some regions this means hanging food in the trees to protect it from bears. But in most places it means only putting the food box and cooler in the tent or trailer, or beneath the kitchen canopy fly.

The tent itself should be closed. It can be protected against strong winds by zipping the windows shut and weighting the edges down to prevent wind from getting beneath the floor. Frames should be adjusted to keep the canvas from sagging but loose enough to allow for some shrinkages in case of rain. With camp secured you are free for the day's activities, and there is no end to possibilities for the entire family.

NOON

Unless your hike or the horse-back jaunt was an all-day sightseeing affair, you're back at camp for lunch—ravenous again! To cool off—take another swim. By the time everyone is dried off and changed, Mom is setting out cool crisp salads and ice-box fried chicken and pie or cake—straight from the cooler she has packed the day before. Frosty beverages, too, from the Coleman jug, to wash it all down.

If the day is hot, now is a good time to nap in the hammock or sling chairs under arching shade trees. As the afternoon cools, you might take the family to the tennis courts, if they are available, or hop in the car for a short shopping or sightseeing trip. Maybe there's a kiddie amusement area nearby. If your campground is near a lake, chances are there will be entertainment or a show boat, aqua plane rides, sightseeing boat cruises around the lake, individual boat rentals. Many State or National Parks

are located within walking distance or a short drive from fascinating historical points of interest, quaint old wild west towns that have been restored like Central City, Colorado, or replicas of early day villages—in Connecticut, it's the authentic whaling port of Mystic Seaport, in Jackson County, Missouri, it's Missouri Town-1855, and, of course, the most fabulous of all, in California, Disneyland! There are countless other such attractions, costing little or nothing or perhaps a few dollars admission. Usually they're not too far from splendid camping facilities.

NIGHT

It's a good idea to return to camp before sundown, but even if you don't, you'll have ample light with your lantern swung from a branch or a rope strung from tent to tree. It gives off brilliant white illumination so you can wash, cook, take care of any chores—or read—by its light.

You may have had dinner in a restaurant if you went to the village. But, if not, a delicious hot meal for all can be ready in no time—you choose the menu! After dinner and wash-up chores, you might want to join other campers in a sing-along or perhaps there'll be a dance in a central shelter house. If you play a guitar, mandolin, or harmonica, by all means bring it along. The music can pleasantly supplement the myriad night sounds, especially if you're camped off by yourselves. Set the clock (another happy, busy day starts early tomorrow), and everybody turn in. The big family tent or camping trailer is waiting, a sturdy "holiday home," made to withstand any unexpected weather. With camp secured, your warm cozy beds invite you to deep slumber—the kind that only the outdoorsman after an invigorating day in the open can experience.

Then Nature's ancient silence covers all—the end of a perfect day—on a Coleman Holiday.

Typical Holiday Activities

FISHING

If there are among you, as there are in millions of American families, those who like to go fishing, you will probably never have better opportunities than on the family camping trip. From the tops of the mountains to the edges of the oceans, American campers live close to the very best of North American fishing. Even those who do not go fishing during the rest of the year, frequently take along tackle on their annual camping trips.

Children especially will remember the fish, even the small one, taken during the family camping trip. The opportunity is too good to miss and there is always the possibility that such a trip can awaken a life-long interest in a healthful outdoor sport for the young campers. Just remember that almost everywhere the adult decides to fish a fishing license may be required.

Modern fishing tackle makes it especially easy, and rewarding, even for the beginners to enjoy this outdoor sport.

In advance of your camping trip write the conservation departments of the states you will visit and ask for information about the fishing and regulations in areas you intend to camp. If you plan to include national parks in your itinerary, check fishing regulations with each park headquarters. Or if you are going to vacation in the vast reaches of the national forests, write the regional offices of the National Forest Service for fishing information on the areas in which you are interested. And do not overlook local sources of fishing information once you have set up your camp. Park managers, bait and tackle store operators, and even fellow campers, can guide you to nearby fishing waters.

When planning your camp day remember that the best times for fishing are usually the early morning and late evening hours.

Lightweight cartop boats and canoes

are at their best on camping trips. In an increasing number of camping areas canoes are available for rental. The family with a canoe can spend a part of each day either exploring enticing fishing water or paddling in carefree fashion into nearby creeks and ponds which offer adventure.

HIKING

Through the nation's campgrounds, forests, and parks wind endless miles of enchanting foot-trails. There are many parts of this country which cannot be reached except by walking. Your hiking may be anything from a half-hour stroll through the nearby woodlands, to overnight back-packing trips out of your base camp.

Try taking a half-day hike. Even with small children you can hike a few miles of trail with time to stop and rest, look at wild flowers, or eat your lunch.

Remember that slow hikers sometimes see more. Campers should never turn walking into a marathon race for tests of energy and strength.

Hiking families as they gain experience will want to increase the length of their trips. Where the opportunity presents itself, take along your fishing equipment, binoculars and bird book for an all-day hike to a remote mountain lake or wooded valley.

Pay special attention to hiking shoes. It is best to have substantial leather shoes or low cut boots that are well broken in. And it is a good idea to take along a few items of first-aid equipment.

SIGHTSEEING

Many vacationers prefer sightseeing by automobile instead of on foot, and if your family is among these, plan to turn away from the main highways and search out the remote attractions.

In every part of the country there are little roads that lead to adventure. These are the paths to quiet villages hidden away in mountain valleys, covered bridges across twisting creeks, and freedom from the high-speed confusion of

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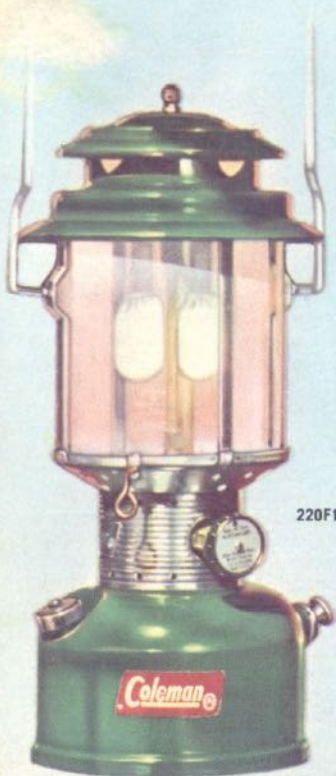
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the super-highways.

Tent and trailer vacations offer wonderful opportunities for wildlife watching. The sighting of a buffalo, bear or raccoon may be the high point of the vacation. Some camping areas are especially rich in wildlife. Campers in Yellowstone National Park and the Great Smokies would hardly consider their trip a success if they saw no bears. In the Everglades National Park at the southern tip of Florida, campers frequently see alligators, wood ibis, American egrets, white-tailed deer, or even a great pinkish roseate spoonbill. Near the camp grounds in South Dakota's Custer State Park you can see the biggest herd of buffalo still living in this country. Other bison can be seen in the free-roaming herds of the Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge in southern Oklahoma. In addition to the buffalo, elk, wild turkeys, deer, prairie dogs and Texas longhorn steers are neighbors in this refuge area.

PHOTOGRAPHY

In such places, campers find endless opportunities to put the family camera to work. Take along extra film and photograph the dramatic highpoints of your holiday morning, noon and night—it's one way you can prove to your friends—and yourself—that you had so much fun for so little money.

If camping trip pictures have disappointed you before, remember the following points:

1. Hold the camera still. Professional photographers even hold their breath at the moment they click the shutter.
2. Put people into your scenes.
3. Get action into your pictures. Photograph your subjects while they are busy.
4. Move in close to your subject. This emphasizes the part of the scene that you want to record and cuts out those of little interest.
5. Choose simple backgrounds.
6. Remember that pictures should tell stories. Such pictures mean more later than simple snap-shots of family members standing in a straight

line and staring into the lens.

7. Use a flash bulb to eliminate dark shadows on faces.
8. Keep film cool. Never carry cameras in glove compartments or in other places where they may be exposed to high temperatures.
9. Keep your camera loaded at all times and ready for the next picture because opportunity may come at some unexpected moment.

Campers frequently spend pleasant hours exploring local historic sites. Watch for signs that point to famous homes, buildings, museums and battlefields. Later, once camp is established, go back and explore such areas in detail. Campers in western mountains visit gold mines and ghost towns. In the southwest they explore Indian ruins and old Spanish missions. Along the Atlantic Coast they find shipwrecks, lighthouses and museums that preserve the history of man's struggles against the oceans. For many campers this pursuit of history gives real importance to the family vacation trip.

Campers should also plan ahead for the rainy days. Games and books, as well as materials for drawing and painting can help prevent weather from dampening the vacation spirit.

It is also a good idea, especially in the state and national park areas, to check with rangers or park headquarters about special programs open to visiting families. Frequently parks provide nature programs, lectures, and slide shows that tell of the history of the area and the wildlife dwelling there.

Experienced campers know that the success of the trip does not depend on every member of the group keeping busy each hour of the day. If you expect from your camping trip an opportunity to spend long, uninterrupted hours sitting in the shade, by all means find yourself a spreading tree and relax beneath it.

Modern campers still know the magic of the evening campfire. This is an hour for story-telling, singing, playing cards or simply resting in the warm glow of the flames. And it is a fitting conclusion to the camper's day.



SOUND SLEEP AND CAMPING ...

by Jack Kirkham

As a young boy living in the high mountain mining villages of Central Utah during the late 1920's, I found the great outdoors commenced at our very doorstep, and prevailed in every direction for hundreds of miles! The desire in most of us to hike, camp and explore existed in me in great abundance, even though just day-to-day living in these areas was not too much beyond "camping out," rough and makeshift as camping was in those days.

With my exploring friends, I took many excursions into the surrounding mountains for several days at a time. The pleasure that we experienced from these expeditions could not have been attributed to the equipment we used, for although we could survive well enough with what we had, it did little to add to our comfort. Now, when my family and I go camping and roll out our comfortable, carefully selected sleeping bags, I am always conscious that this "careful selection" was prompted by the many nights spent, as a boy, rolled up in an old patchwork quilt and a sheet of reclaimed canvas.

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As a family, we now venture much farther on our camping trips, taking advantage of the expanded facilities in our beautiful wilderness areas and our many national parks. We hike, camp, and explore, enjoying the same pleasures and excitement that I did as a boy; however, I must admit that by comparison we now go in solid comfort. Our equipment reflects the availability of many new conveniences and improvements in camp gear. However, we add to or replace our equipment only when we can definitely establish the superiority of the new product over that which we have used in the past. As a result, we find the greatest portion of our equipment now carries the Coleman label, and after personally using practically every piece of outdoor equipment made by Coleman, we can say without hesitation that Coleman camping products cannot be excelled. For example, the new Coleman Flex-Aire tents reflect the first substantial improvements in tent design in several decades. They are, without question, the most functional tents that have ever been made available to the camper.

Since the success or failure of a camping trip can be directly related to how well you sleep at night, good comfortable sleeping bags that keep you warm and dry are an absolute essential for any camper.

In view of the many sleeping bags on the market, and the often confusing advertising claims expounded upon in relation to them, the less experienced camper might find it a difficult task to

make a wise selection—unless a few facts are kept in mind. Perhaps the following suggestions will prove helpful.

To begin with, today you can have an excellent bag for relatively little money—and one that will last you for many years, depending of course on how often and how roughly it is used. This is primarily due to the fact that science has developed a new luxury for all outdoorsmen—the luxury of tip-toe sleeping warmth and comfort in all kinds of weather through new man-made fibers.

GOOSE DOWN

At one time, the only really adequate bag for sub-freezing temperatures was a bag filled with goose down. These were, and still are, for many sportsmen, prohibitively expensive. Down-filled sleeping bags are nearly twice as efficient per volume of fill weight as the next best insulation, Dacron 88, and therefore are lighter, smaller and easier to pack. In other words, a goose-down-filled bag with a fill weight of four pounds would have a comfort range somewhere around zero to -20° F. The same bag filled with six pounds of the man-made fiber would have a comfort range of 10° F. and below, depending on individual comfort requirements.

So the goose-down bag is ideal if you're a zealous mountain climber and backpacker who expects to spend bitter cold nights on a mountain top.

For most persons, however, the less expensive Improved Dacron 88 insulation will be more than satisfactory for most climates encountered, when the fill-weight is matched to your comfort requirements. Sleeping bags with still less costly synthetic insulating materials are also available, but I have found that their lower efficiency and increased bulkiness are rarely a fair exchange for the small amount of money saved over the price of Improved Dacron 88.

While a sleeping bag's insulation is of basic importance, it is by no means the only feature by which to judge quality and serviceability. For example, many different brands use Dacron 88 and Im-

proved Dacron 88, yet not all offer the same level of quality in other essentials.

Let's take a look at these other features in about the same order as you would encounter them on inspecting a bag.

EXTERIOR COVERING

We have found the heavier, more durable coverings are the most practical for general all-around camping purposes, such as No. 12 Duck or the new "Kodiak Duck" found on some models of the Coleman sleeping bags. These covers resist wear, water and weather and give adequate protection on those occasions when we elect to sleep in the open.

The No. 12 Duck weighs 11.73 oz. per square yard, is closely woven and is mineral treated to be weatherproof. While heavy, it is supple and easy to roll up. Its own weight also adds to your protection from cold air, and is used mostly on bags designed for sub-freezing temperatures.

Another cover meant for raw, bitter cold weather is "Curon," which is a 100% combed cotton, high-thread-count fabric that has been laminated with polyurethane foam insulation, also a man-made product and one of the best weather-stoppers known. In fact, most modern ice coolers and picnic jugs are insulated with polyurethane foam. Curon traps dead air cells to give extra warmth to the sleeping bag, yet breathes to allow body moisture to escape.

Bag covers of lighter weight materials such as poplin give good service in mild weather or inside trailers, campers and tents where they are not subjected to excessive moisture or inclement weather.

Do not buy a bag with a flimsy outer cover, or your whole bag may be ruined after only a season or two's use. There are some outer covers on the market so weak and thin you can stick your thumb through them while tugging at the zipper.

You'll note that all of the cover materials mentioned have a "breathing" quality, and are therefore not "waterproof." Beware of covers that would smother your body (just as a sheet of thin polyethylene might) by being unventilated. If the

cover is "weatherproof," it will provide an extremely high and safe level of protection from rain and moisture. When camping without additional shelter, pick a high, dry spot, use a plastic ground cloth, and dig a drainage ditch around your bag. In heavy rain, rig a tarp for a lean-to. If you do not have an air mattress, cushion your bag with leaves, twigs, pine needles, etc.

In cool or cold temperatures, moisture inside a sleeping bag can lead to immense discomfort. And it can make its stealthy invasion on the driest night. How? If you have your nose down inside the bag and breathe *into* the bag, you create the dampness. Two identical bags, used side by side, will give one camper a restful deep slumber, while the other will provide its occupant with a night of chilling agony—simply because the second camper chose to keep his nose too warm. Now this defect is not true of all bags, especially where the outer cover is sufficiently ventilated. Still, for good healthful sleeping, it is a good idea to keep both your nose and mouth outside the bag.

Next, examine the prospective bag for a comfortable *shape*. Does it have *boxed corners and edges*? Boxing assures you of more freedom of movement and more foot room. *Knife-edged* bags, on the other hand, may be all right for the small-fry campers, but not for adults who want comfort.

Another sleeping bag style is the "mummy," which is shaped to the contours of the human body and designed primarily for back-packers who are more interested in keeping bulk down while having more warmth than spaciousness. These normally have a short "escape" zipper which closes the bag almost entirely, leaving just the eyes, nose and mouth exposed to the elements.

Many good quality sleeping bags for family campers are of the boxed edge design, and are available in finished sizes from about 33" x 76" up to king-sized ones of 39" x 85", the latter size usually having a heavier fill.

Now try the *zipper*. Be sure your selection of bag includes the heavy "jumbo" zipper. Not only will you find this feature durable and long-wearing, but you'll also find it so much easier to operate than the lighter weight zippers. Children especially are often impatient and careless, so don't overlook this when you purchase their sleeping bags too.

And don't settle for less than a *full separating zipper*, which is a zipper that allows opening of one entire side and the bottom, and separates so that it can be zipped to an identical zipper to form a double or station wagon size bag.

Inside and immediately under the zipper, is there a substantial *padded weather seal* to prevent cool air from filtering through the teeth of the zipper? Often this is covered with the same material as the interior lining, and filled with the bag's insulating material.

Reach down inside the bag and feel the warmth of the *lining*. The interior linings of sleeping bags should be selected more by personal preference. We have always preferred the comforting warmth of cotton flannel, and have found it to be long wearing and easily cleaned. In fact, we had used nothing else until my wife succumbed to the luxury of red acrylic fur pile lining, which is a man-made fur weighing about 16 oz. to the square yard, for added warmth. This is the lining in one of the four-pound and five-pound Coleman sleeping bags. I was not so easily converted, but she said it had a luxurious feel, and after trying it I must admit that a pair of these zipped together as a double bag, used with two oversize air mattresses, provide a most delightful night's sleep!

Is the lining, top and bottom, *scroll stitched*? This feature holds the insulation evenly in place, maintaining a cushioning "loft." Without proper quilting, the filling material can move all over the bag and "bunch up," perhaps at the foot of the bag, leaving precious little protection where you need it.

Are *snap*s provided for inserting a bag liner? To increase the warmth and to help keep your bag clean, you may want to use a flannel liner inside the bag. On better bags these attach with snaps, which can be a nuisance unless they are corrosion-resistant, and so ideally should be solid brass or a weather-resistant metal similar to that of the zipper.

Double air-mattress pockets are a must if you plan to use your bags as a double bed for a trailer, station wagon or even in a tent. Small, lightweight bags for the children can do with a single mattress pocket, but those for the adults should have two. In most cases these pockets are simply a space between the outer cover and the lining-covered insulation. Don't over-inflate your mattress; it should be filled just enough to softly cradle you.

Now once again we're down to the *insulation material*, which as I said earlier, should be Improved Dacron 88 if the bag is to be used mostly for family camping. This filler is a polyester fiber made with a special curl or crimp which gives it greater resistance to compression and creates more air spaces in the material. More body warmth is retained and an insulating barrier is set up against cold air. Improved Dacron 88 has 30% more elasticity than ordinary fillers, and can

support greater weight without matting or lumping. It is also non-allergenic and moth, mildew, and vermin resistant.

Carrying cases are provided with most sleeping bags. A serviceable case is one that will neatly hold the entire bag and protect the bag from dirt and moisture. Thus the case should be tailored in such a way as to make the smallest package possible, yet have ample material to fully cover or overlap the rolled-up sleeping bag. Some are sewn to the bag, or can be attached with snaps or a zipper. Sturdy handles will facilitate carrying, and a name plate on the outside of the case will certainly make it easier to tell which bag belongs to which member of the family, thus avoiding a mix-up and games of musical sleeping bags.

The head-flap type carrying case on Coleman bags does double duty as a small lean-to protecting your head from the weather when the bag is used in the open.

Size. Choose a bag to fit you, almost as you do your suit or dress. However, be careful that you understand what the size actually is. Frequently sleeping bag labels carry *two* sizes: the *cut size*, that is, before seaming and sewing and filling, etc., and a *finish size*, which is the dimensions of the bag as you see it in the store. Select by finish size only.

New **Coleman** Lantern ACCESSORY SAFE and Generator Wrench

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Ask for it at your nearby Coleman dealer's.



Care and cleaning. With Dacron 88 filling you will experience few special drying out problems after wet weather. The bag should be aired each morning after use, however, to keep it fresh. The use of a liner and frequent brushing will eliminate trips to the cleaners. Do not attempt to clean your bag in a self-service machine and then use it soon afterward. The filler and other fabrics have a tendency to retain the odor and vapors of the cleaning solvent which, when breathed in the closed confines of your sleeping bag, can be dangerous. Your best bet is to send the bag to a professional dry cleaner who will usually air it a week or so for you before returning it.

CHOOSE BAGS SUITED TO YOUR NEEDS

Just as we have done, you will finally make your own decision as to which bag will suit you best. During the coming year, we hope to camp in areas ranging from Southern Colorado, Northern Utah, Montana, and into Western Canada. This will be mainly summer and early fall camping. We will camp in our Flex-Aire type tents and our new sleeping bags. For myself and my wife, two Coleman four-pound sleeping bags with Kodiak Duck covers and red acrylic fur pile lining—extra king-size. Our two college-age daughters will use two oversize five-pound bags with flannel lining and duck covers, and our twelve-year-old boy will use a regular size four-pound bag with flannel lining and duck cover. In addition, we'll take along snap-in bag liners and a catalytic heater just in case we're surprised by cold weather. We all prefer to use air mattresses on the floor of the tent instead of cots. They eliminate the cold air from underneath, take less room in the car, and allow more room in the tent, all of which results in more comfortable sleeping.

If you plan to vacation in a warmer climate, you could comfortably use bags with three pounds of filling rather than four, and if you expect to be in much colder climates, five- and six-pound bags

would be a better choice.

Just as a rule of thumb, you might select Coleman Improved Dacron 88 bags on the basis of this fill-weight/climate ratio: Two-pound: above 55° F. Three-pound: above 45° F. Four-pound: above 35° F. Five-pound: above 10° F. Six-pound: below 10° F. Bear in mind that these ranges will vary with the individual user.

MULTI-TEMPERATURE BAGS

If you are a year-round camper and a wide traveler, fortunately you don't have to own three different sleeping bags to suit all weather conditions! There is a single sleeping bag that will fill the bill—the new patented all-season Tri-Temp sleeping bag. This represents the most versatile innovation made in sleeping bag manufacturing in many years. With a total fill weight of five pounds of Dacron 88 in four layers, it allows you three choices of warmth. And of course, two Tri-Temp bags can be zipped together to allow three choices of warmth for two people as well, and one can be zipped open to form a large double bag ideal for use in a station wagon.

Yes, today, campers—all campers at every income level—can have sleeping luxury that was unheard of when I was a boy roaming the Utah mountains—and, in fact, was entirely unavailable until just a short time ago. In addition to the new plush comfort, good quality bags have a life expectancy of up to 20 years, placing your "lodging" cost per person at something like \$1.25 to \$1.50 a year. Mightily little coin for all the protection and pleasure it buys!

Which is a kind of paraphrase of what Cervantes said:

*"Now blessings light on him that
first invented sleep:
It covers a man all over, thoughts
and all, like a cloak;*

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*It is the current coin that purchases
all the pleasures of the world cheap;
And it is the balance that sets the
king and the shepherd,
the fool and the wise man, even."*

On your **Coleman** Holiday . . .

Sleep in cozy warmth . . . plush comfort!

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- Boxed edges for extra comfort and foot room
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- All mate into double bags

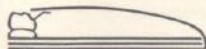


No. 8158-881—Exclusive Coleman TRI-TEMP 5-lb. Improved Dacron four-season bag. 3 choices of sleeping warmth—summer, fall and winter. 10-oz. Kodiak Duck cover, balloon cloth and flannel linings. Cut size: 42" x 90". Finish size: 39" x

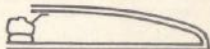
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No. 8158-761



No. 8198-901

No. 8123-521 2 lbs. and
No. 8123-622 3 lbs. 36" x
81" cut size, 33" x 76"
fin. size. Poplin cover, flannel
lining, sewn-on head-
flap carrying case. 100"
zipper. (No brass snaps or
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No. 8153-611 3 lbs. 36" x
82" cut size, 33" x 77"
fin. size. Kodiak Duck cover,
flannel lining. Zip-on head-
flap carrying case. 104"
zipper.

No. 8158-761 4 lbs. 42" x
90" cut size, 39" x 85"
fin. size. Kodiak Duck cover,
acrylic fur pile lining. Zip-
on headflap carrying case.
114" zipper.

No. 8188-891 5 lbs. 42" x
90" cut size, 39" x 85"
fin. size. Curon cover,
acrylic fur pile lining. Zip-
on headflap carrying case.
114" zipper.

No. 8198-901 6 lbs. 42" x
90" cut size, 39" x 85"
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acrylic blanketing lining.
Zip-on headflap carrying
case. 114" zipper.

8 other bags to choose from!



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COMFORT RANGE OF COLEMAN SLEEPING BAGS

Type of Bag	Climate
2 lbs.	above 55°
3 lbs.	above 45°
4 lbs.	above 30°
5 lbs.	above 10°
6 lbs.	below 10°

Flannel BAG LINERS extend
comfort range 10°; help
keep bag clean.



TREAT YOURSELF TO SHORT HOLIDAYS

by Homer Circle

Many people think of vacations as that one- or two-week period each year when you drop everything and go. Not the Circles. We take dozens of short vacations ranging from quickies at even-tide to long weekends.

A vacation to us means vacating yourself from the routine of everyday regimen and "getting away from it all" if only for a few hours.

We find many benefits in this way of life, ranging from sound slumber and more zestful appetites—to better muscular tone and more zeal for your everyday job.

Here are ways you can take "quickie vacations" which are guaranteed to put more outdoor life into your living, and more living into your outdoor life. Maybe all of them won't appeal to you, but try for size those which do—and I predict you'll noodle out additional ways

more tailored to your family likes.

These suggestions to follow have one further benefit . . .

If yours is one of those families which has been hesitant about staying overnight in strange surroundings outdoors, these "quickie vacations" will give you a gradual exposure to the joys of camping experienced every year by some 20 million camping families.

And now, let's talk about those ways.

PICNICS: These probably are the oldest and most enjoyable forms of shorty vacations, dating back to time immemorial. Packing a basket of goodies and scating to the countryside for a full day, half day, or just a few hours can be a really gratifying relaxer, as almost everybody knows.

Most recreational areas have picnic tables, running water, night "bug" lights, kiddie playgrounds and are frequently near scenic vistas or civic points of interest. Enjoyed by one and all, picnics are primarily fun for the youngsters, especially if they don't get out in the open as a general rule. Seeing the wildlife that inhabits a woods, swans gliding serenely on a park lagoon, or ducks diving and frolicking after bits of bread can trigger shouts of glee and bring new color to young cheeks. To the strictly city

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child, even a roadside picnic near a typical farm populated by various kinds of livestock can be an exciting experience. Kids enjoy the outdoors—and so do we grown-ups. It's a quick refresher for all. Try it for size—everybody can have a picnic—on a picnic.

OVERNIGHTERS: This form of outing is simply stretching a picnic supper into a morning breakfast and possibly lunch in the open. And it obviously requires the basic necessities of shelter, food, light, heat, water, and toilet facilities.

FISHING HOLIDAY: Nothing I know of in an outdoor activity can relax you so completely as fishing. Like I said in my latest book: "Fishing is the only sport where a man can watch his troubles run down a line and drown themselves in clear, cool waters." (The Art of Plug Fishing: Stackpole Co., Harrisburg, Penn.)

Once you learn a few spots, you can grab a family tackle kit, load up the car, and take off for fun, food, and festivity. Tackle can range from just plain cane poles, bobbers, hooks and worms for bluegills and other panfishes . . . up the scale to fancier sporting tackle for bass, crappies, trout, etc.

And, nothing tastes better than fish cooked within minutes after being caught.

HUNTING HOLIDAY: In season, wild game is great for outdoor cooking and exercise. A long tromp after rabbits, quail, pheasants, grouse, deer, squirrels, and other palatable game will take your mind off whatever it needs taking off.

Most of my hunting is done within a few miles and a few minutes of town. I much prefer to work all day, knock off about 4 p.m. and put in a couple of good hours before dark. Besides, these are the most fruitful hours of the day because game moves early and late.

BOATING HOLIDAY: This is one of the nation's most popular family sports. Family choices of boats usually are in proportion to the family budget, but not always. You'll see blue-collar workers in \$5,000 to \$10,000 houseboats, and company presidents in canoes. It's a

matter of wants.

And, of course, with boating come many water sports such as float trips with campouts, cruising, skiing, and nature watching. Skin-diving, also, is a fast-growing part of boating co-related activities. And, pontoon boats with canvas roofs, are for cruising around and visiting, playing cards, eating out, and general relaxing.

Holiday by canoe, and you'll be rewarded with unforgettable hours of quiet, unusual thrills. Gliding along a lake or river shore in a canoe gives a whole new dimension to outdoor living. Even if you don't have a canoe, or are unfamiliar with a body of water, you can still join the fun. Canoe-camping outfitters are located in most areas where this sport is popular, especially lake-country states. They offer rented canoes and pack gear, complete with a guide. Charges for a guide can be as high as \$30 a day, but he does the cooking, helps with portages, and with his knowledge of the area, he generally makes the trip more exciting and enjoyable. Experienced canoeists can do without the guide and get along with just the rented gear, which, besides the canoe itself includes paddles, ax, tent, bedding, cooking gear. Cost for a family of 4—about \$4 to \$5 a day!

Another suggestion for lake-country or seaboard campers: Try *boat camping*. This is really an inexpensive holiday on the water, and beaches. For instance, in a small sailboat you can have plenty of sun and water fun with a minimum of gear. At night, anchor off a protected shore or gentle sand beach, throw a tarp or small especially rigged tent over the main boom, and you've got yourself a snug shelter. With a little additional jury-rigging, you can do the same with an outboarder.

If you're on a safe anchorage, the night breezes and the gentle rolling surf will lull you into one of the deepest, most restful sleeps you ever had.

DESERT HOLIDAY: If you live within an easy drive to our deserts in the Southwest, you can treat your family to a really splendid weekend holiday. For

the western camper, for the family that likes to relax in peace and solitude, here are vast expanses of almost untouched wonderlands.

There's the incomparable sunrises and sunsets, the wild flowers that bloom from February to April, the many colored rocks, and the whisper of the dry, clear wind. Adult campers and children alike will be intrigued by mountain canyons, a hidden valley, fascinating ghost towns and abandoned mines. Many go just to enjoy the nourishing sun and invigorating fresh air.

Of course, the desert has its moods, and can change them violently—sudden high winds, drops in temperature. But you can guard against these simply by pitching your tents and windbreaks so as to afford the least exposure to weather. Even in the desert, during summer and early fall, there are flash floods, so unless you're using a trailer beware of making camp in dry washes. Neophyte campers might prefer to utilize the well-equipped organized campsites provided in many desert areas.

BEACH HOLIDAY: At the other extreme is camping on the beach—where you can usually have just as much sand as on the desert, but a slight bit more moisture.

In fact, beach-camping for a day or a weekend is an exciting change from the usual outing in the woods. Though much ocean frontage is privately owned, there are many areas open to campers free or for a small fee.

Number one rule: if it is tidal water, make sure you pitch camp *above* the high-tide mark.

Dress up your campsite with colorful windbreaks and tent-flies. These are especially appropriate to a holiday on the beach. The extra canvas will also come in handy for purposes of additional privacy (for sun bathing and changing) and for deflecting strong night winds blowing off the cool or cold water. You might also want to pile sand up against the tent wall, for added warmth. If you can, tent behind a dune.

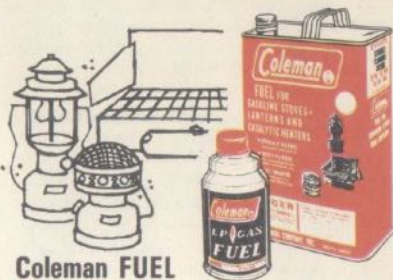
Salt air is corrosive to aluminum, so protect all such pots, utensils, zippers

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If you have trailered a sail boat or an outboard with water skis along, your beach holiday is complete.

As in the desert, carry a plentiful supply of water or beverages. Like other recreation areas, beach camping facilities can range from the aeons-old beach itself to an almost luxurious spa.

PACK TRIP HOLIDAY: For the more rugged characters, pack trips into remote spots provide great muscular conditioning exercise for older enthusiasts and fine body building workouts for youngsters.

It not only gets you away from daily routine, but also teaches you how to pack necessities into the smallest possible space—because you're going to tote them on your back.

CYCLING HOLIDAY: This can be done on bicycles, or motor bikes, with all equipment for a picnic, or overnight stay, packed on the tandem carrier. This, too, teaches good packing procedures and is invigorating. Many miles can be covered in a few hours, even in rugged back country, on the heavy duty motor bikes.

NATURE WALK HOLIDAY: This sounds tame to many, but it can be a very rewarding experience to learn to recognize our many species of flora and fauna existing all around us. Rewarding not only physically and mentally, but also good for the soul.

HIKING HOLIDAY: When I was a youngster, particularly during scouting age, three to six of us would start out after Sunday school for a 15-mile hike. With a lunch mother packed in a knapsack, usually with a surprise tucked in, we'd take off and be back at nightfall. And I still enjoy the camaraderie of a hike, the passing items of interest, and the good feeling that exists after one returns home.

To set your sights on a distant goal, and head for it across country, taking in stride whatever obstacles are encountered, is both challenging and useful as an experience . . . it's very much like life, and makes one use his ingenuity in ways that have residual benefits.

SWIMMING HOLIDAY: This is a fine

family activity, a sport all should be familiar with, and healthful for young and old. It can be done at a local pool, a public lake, or a wilderness stream. Many of my friends who love to swim use facilities that offer heated pools during winter months. It's a good short-vacation sport, with snorkels and masks adding to the fun.

SIGHTSEEING HOLIDAY: This means different things, depending on the background of the doer. But, to us, it always has meant simply going some place to look, take pictures, and learn something of the past, present, or future.

All around us are places of interest, within a weekend's drive, if we but ferret them out. National monuments, state parks, nature walks, museums, factories that welcome visitors, frontier villages in authentic style, zoos, etc.

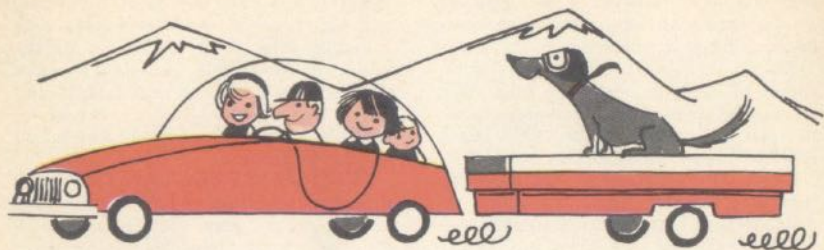
We watch, especially, for folksy celebrations such as "Plumb Nelly Days," "Hootin' and Hollerin' Festivals," Craft Fairs, and such.

Here we see the crafts passed from father to son, and mother to daughter—such skills as shingle splitting, log house building, syrup making, blacksmithing, candle molding, soap making, various styles of painting, pottery wheels in motion, and the always-present homemade jams, jellies, bread, pies, etc.

Such sights give our mind a vacation from the everyday stresses we impose on it, and remind us that while life was rugged in grandfather's time—it also was good to those who contributed to its goodness.

That about does it, except to wish you "bon voyage" on your "quickie vacations"—and say we hope you enjoy them just twice as much as we do. Come to think of it, that could be overdoing it . . . you might not want to come home!

One sure way of telling if your "quickie vacation" or Coleman Holiday has been a success is to examine the color of your skin. If it has changed from pale gray to tan. Mother Nature has blessed you. Visit her often, there's life-prolonging balm out there, just for the taking . . . and a little at a time is far better than none at all.



TAKE A CAMPING TRAILER HOLIDAY!

by Donald H. Sollars

Drive down any highway almost any time of the year—you're bound to see several attractive, two-wheel low-slung "boxes" being trailed lightly along behind a car-full of happy campers—going to or returning from a weekend, a week or a month in the great outdoors.

Even if the family in the car is a large one—six to eight or more—chances are that 28"-deep box can sleep them all in comfort, and provide ample walk-around space besides. For that almost flat-bed trailer is really a cottage on wheels—one that they can enjoy anywhere—winter, fall and summer. It's their hunting lodge, fishing cabin, lakeshore resort, mountain retreat or desert hideaway. Yet, in reality it is simply a "camping trailer." It will allow the family to go from coast to coast and border to border—visiting all the great outdoor wonderlands and special tourist meccas like Disneyland—while

they save tremendously on motel and restaurant bills. In fact, since the "convertible cottage" can last up to 15 years, its initial cost of say around \$1,000, more or less, can be pro-rated at \$60 to \$100 per season of use—about the cost of just four or five nights in a motel!

But beating inflation and budget holidays are not the only reasons thousands more of America's families are turning to camping trailers as well as travel trailers and pick-up campers.

The amazing modern camping trailers are *spacious*, offering comfortable accommodations for large families, yet are relatively small when closed. To most people who camp, this spaciousness is hardly a secret. Still, many who see our family unfold our medium-sized convertible trailer express surprise. "In that six by eight trailer there's room for all of you?" (There are six of us, and sometimes we take along two or three other children as well.)

However, when in a few minutes the two double bedroom wings are in position . . . the top is up allowing some 6'6" headroom . . . and the aluminum screen door is in place . . . they step inside and are surprised no more. In addition to the pair of large permanent double beds, our din-

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ette grouping (which seats six) converts to a third double bed. And there's still space for a couple of sleeping bags when needed, which is rare, since two of the wide double beds can easily sleep three small children each. Thus our overall capacity is 10 or 11 persons "in that small box"!

For privacy, curtains are clipped in front of each bedroom wing. Often, in nice weather, the boys prefer *their* privacy in a medium size tent which we also pack along.

The surprising accommodation is achieved in today's modern camping trailers by carefully designed floor plans and furnishings. These, plus the large breeze-panel windows in all walls, give a feeling of unusual openness and space not found in any other trailers or pick-ups. While the sensation of luxurious "bigness" and open interiors is by no means found in all camping trailers on the market, it is in some of the leading ones. Nor is it the only advantage over travel trailers and pick-ups.

A camping trailer takes little room in the garage, or it can often be so skillfully camouflaged, if necessary, *outside* the garage, that no one would object to it. This and easy towing are all the more possible because of the average camping trailer's low profile, an important safety advantage because it does not at all obstruct your vision through the car's rear window as do solid-wall trailers.

Pick-up campers, similarly, have certain ready conveniences. Many owners leave the camper on the truck, taking it wherever the truck goes. In this way it's always ready for overnight hunting or fishing, and one of the reasons we see campers just about everywhere.

Trailers, however, next to tents, still lead the parade, according to statistics issued by the National Park Service. In fact, attendance for family campers with trailers last year totalled almost three million in the national parks alone.

One obvious advantage of the new convertible trailers is that of cost and upkeep. While they range in price from around \$500 to \$1500, pick-ups and travel trailers can cost two to three times as

much for comparable accommodations. Also, in the case of the camper, the average family would need to purchase a pick-up truck as well.

When it comes to built-ins and conveniences, the camping trailers certainly can be deluxe, with thick foam mattresses, decorative interiors, nylon carpeting and LP-Gas floor heaters. Some have large console galleys beautifully finished and which easily position at handy table-top height. These are very efficient, usually consisting of an LP-Gas stove, porcelain or stainless steel sink, pump faucet and laminated plastic work surface. Big ice coolers, storage space, swing-out bay windows, plus improved chemical johns hidden away in attractive compartments are also features of several brands. In addition, quite a number of "gadgets" are available—portable folding showers, battery operated television receivers, folding camp ovens, as well as accessories from the trailer manufacturer such as zip-on or snap-on rooms and canopies, to increase your pleasure while holidaying in a camping trailer.

Clearly, there are many good points for each of the three, but our family feels that our camping trailer has the edge by far. If you have a medium-to-large-sized family and want to have a versatile "place in the country"—anywhere in the country—at low cost and little bother, you'll probably decide on a camping trailer, too.

TOURING

You'll notice almost at once that your new camping trailer has added a new dimension of fun and excitement to your family's life. For one thing, having it will give you more opportunities to travel—not only on vacations, but for overnights and weekends. So there's the fun of planning several new trips a year. A number of publications are available, prepared especially for trailer campers. These will give full particulars about facilities, space costs, etc., in areas across the nation. For instance, you can plan to use campsites in modern campgrounds offering connections for electricity, special water-fill tank depots, launderettes,

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CT-161—same except no Bay Window Galley.

hot showers, even hair dryers for milady—plus many other conveniences unheard of a few years back. Or you may want to hit the strictly wilderness trail for solitude and special sports such as hunting.

Packing your trailer is as simple as it is fun. On trailer models with slide-out bed wings, your two double beds can always remain made up, ready for use, just like at home. If the kitchen is built-in, you need only be sure tanks for LP-Gas and fresh water are sufficiently full.

During the spring, summer and fall, we keep our trailer at the ready—storage compartments chock full of staples, a goodly supply of canned foods, plus other essentials and not-so-essentials. In fact, our trailer is always more or less supplied as we would leave a regular summer cottage.

On board is a hammock or two, folding deck chairs, a chess set, decks of cards, toys, a first-aid kit, sun-tan lotion, portable radio, books, lantern with spare mantles, generator and extra fuel, cookery accessories, plastic dishware, tools, safety flares, some fishing tackle, archery set, swim gear and other fun-in-the-sun clothing—all of which fits easily into the trailer. Then, when we suddenly decide to take a holiday, very little additional packing is necessary—the trailer needn't be opened at all.

Into the car trunk goes two big coolers with ice, beverages and perishables, along with a picnic jug, portable TV, cameras, binoculars, tennis rackets, clothing, hiking and riding boots, more toys and books. In a few additional minutes we've hitched up the trailer—and we're on our way.

EASY TOWING

Once on the highway, we're hardly aware of the trailer. For the most part, driving is unaffected. Besides being lightweight, the 44"-high trailer has little wind resistance, so our mileage cost increase is minimal. On turnpikes (which we rarely use—we prefer to "shunpike") tolls are sometimes 50% or more than for passenger cars alone. Otherwise traveling is virtually the same *except*, since

most of the gear is in the trailer, you have more space in the car for the children to stretch out and rest. And *except* when we are ready to stop at night. Then the "no vacancy" signs and often exorbitant motel costs (especially for a family of six) don't phase us. We have our own deluxe "suite" with us.

Usually it can be completely ready for us in five to eight minutes—even if we have to erect it after dark. Most often we plan to arrive at a park early enough to have our choice of sites—level, grassy, and right on the lake or seashore, or overlooking some other lovely view.

While I lower the tongue jack and level the trailer, one of the boys adjusts the trailer corner supports. Then we position the bed wings, raise the top, unzip the wall windows and install the aluminum stormdoor.

Almost magically our cottage materializes—bright, spacious and cozy—in the quiet serenity of a wilderness wonderland.

Completing the camp is just about as simple—a canvas canopy over the picnic table, two hammocks between a couple of pairs of accommodating trees, a wash-up area for sandy-footed swimmers—and it's done.

In case there is no picnic table provided, our dinette table is easily moved on those occasions when we want to dine outdoors. However, with big screened windows and thick polyfoam dinette seats, most of our meals are prepared and served in the trailer, which simplifies housekeeping, leaving more time for the whole family to be out enjoying the lake, hiking, riding, taking moonlight walks along the beach, etc.

At night, when the table is cleared, there's room enough inside for each member of the family to enjoy his favorite pastime—playing cards, games, reading or watching TV.

After securing the outdoor gear, we turn down the lantern to a soft glimmer and drift off to sound, thoroughly restful sleep. In fact, I don't know whether it is because our days are so active or because the beds are so soft—but we always seem to sleep more satisfyingly in the trailer than at home!

SELECTING YOUR TRAILER

The satisfaction your trailer gives you depends to a certain degree on the features of the trailer you select. There is quite a variety of trailers on the market, each with its own innovations and appeal.

In making your choice, you'll want, of course, spaciousness, comfort, sound construction for safety and long-lasting durability. In fact, you might choose a new trailer in much the same way you select your automobile. Certainly, besides being that "hunting lodge" or "lakeshore resort," it is essentially similar to a car.

Thus, you would want to select

a *dependable manufacturer*—one whom you confidently believe will still be around years from now just in case your trailer needs parts.

a *strong, written warranty* which assures you of satisfactory performance for a reasonable length of time—and is further backed up by a network of sales and service dealers coast to coast ready to fulfill that guarantee—particularly important for a camping trailer, since you're likely to be almost anywhere on vacation.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

1. *Styling.* You're not only going to live in it—but *with* it—perhaps for many years to come, and you've got to like her lines. The body styling should be appealing, sleek as your own car and, in fact, will be most pleasing if it is compatible with the design of your car.

2. *Construction.* Start with the chassis and inspect her from the ground up.

Tires. Just don't kick 'em; get down and read the rating. Camping trailer tires should be wide, premium quality. Tire sizes for anything but a *compact* should be not less than 5.70/5.00-8" or 5.30/4.80-12". After all, the wheels of your trailer will be going over some rough, even rocky terrain. So get the best.

Suspension. This integral part of your portable home's "foundation" should be built to do the job. You can feel sure it is if the manufacturer has field-tested the particular design. And "field" is a par-

ticularly good word here, because the trailer will be towed heavily loaded across gopher-holed and dippy fields, as well as sandy beaches, rocky mountain trails, not to mention an occasional meadow strewn with logs and mudholes.

Many camping trailers have leaf springs, and if one breaks, you are really down, so respect the manufacturer's recommended load weight capacity.

Torsion bar individual wheel suspension is an innovation that recognizes the peculiar punishment a trailer is subjected to. Normally found on only the more expensive automobiles such as Imperial, the simplified torsion bar suspension is now offered as standard or optional equipment on some trailer lines.

Frame. One of the problems camping trailers have always had is: campsites are seldom table-top flat. In some cases, adjustable trailer body supports compensate for this. Most often, though, even with improved supports, it is not easy to "level" the trailer floor.

With a weak or flexible frame, the entire trailer is thrown out of line—or "wracks." Drawers won't open, the screen door jams, the table dances. Serious structural failures can result. The entire trailer body "works" as you bounce it heavily laden over back-country trails.

The best frame, then, should be heavy steel cross members rigidly interlocked in addition to being welded. A sound "unitized" frame is the answer, and the only one I've seen is on the CT-1 trailers by Coleman.

Body. Steel or aluminum? The advantage of steel is strength and resilience. On the other hand, just like your car, it is always carrying on a defensive battle with the elements. Corrosion and rust can take it, just like an auto, and it will show signs of age sooner than aluminum.

Also a plus for aluminum is the finish—usually vinyl. If bonded to the metal during its manufacture at the mill, the coated metal will be highly resistant to gravel denting, scratching, and abrasions. This, together with the corrosion-resistant qualities, pretty well guarantees that the trailer will stay new looking for many years with little maintenance.

3. *Tent — hard-top or canvas?* The choice in most cases will be resolved by a matter of price—hard-tops being the luxurious breed. The more desirable profile, extra headroom (usually well above six feet throughout the trailer), simplified erection and extra weather protection—all are worth the additional cost and weight.

However, you now have a *third* choice—a *soft* hard-top which has virtues of both of the others. For example, on two Coleman CT-1 trailer series, the top is flat, with the appearance of a hard-top, yet it is constructed of reinforced waterproof vinyl over a metal piping frame—much like a convertible auto.

Regardless of which style you choose, be sure to get a top that will *go up easily*—and stay up in strong winds. Try the raising mechanism yourself. Can one man handle it?

4. *Tent fabric.* Although much of the cotton duck produced in this country is being used to shelter our forces in Viet Nam, some of the leading trailer manufacturers are able to guarantee delivery of the best-known tent fabric—a close-woven, high-thread-count duck, dry-treated and heavy enough to stand up to rugged wear and weather.

5. *Ventilation.* Insist on big screened walls all around that zip closed from the inside. You'll be thankful for the four-way cooling they provide on summer evenings. Fiberglass has proved to be a better performer than other screening materials. The best "front door" is like the one at home—an aluminum storm door, offered by some as standard equipment, by others as a \$40 to \$60 optional extra.

6. *Interior.* This is just as important as all the other considerations—especially from the wife's point of view. A family spends half or more of its time *inside* the trailer, and it is a "second home" away from home. So be sure it has the interior plan you want. In the showroom or lot, step inside the trailer, preferably with the family. Is there ample seating space for everyone? Is it cozy yet spacious? With the storm curtains down, do you have a panoramic, almost 360° view? Is there storage space? Are the kitchen stove and sink high enough for easy use?

Usually accustomed to a five- to six-room or larger home, now suddenly Dad, Mom and perhaps several children are occupying an area of about 100 sq. ft. So this "cottage" must be carefully planned to make the best use of space for the utmost in convenience and comfort.

BAY WINDOW KITCHEN

In some convertible models, the kitchen or galley is a console equipped with stove, sink, faucet, plus storage area for the water bottle, and the entire unit lifts up and out into a screened side area called a "bay window." Such an arrangement not only means more space in the trailer, but also that cooking odors can more easily be drawn away and out of the trailer.

Restful sleep is another important consideration. Mattresses of poor quality can "bottom out" and give you a hard night of it. A three-inch-thick polyfoam mattress or cushion of medium density, however, will gently support even a 200-lb. man from head to toe.

COLOR SCHEME

If you feel that the trailer interior is pleasingly colorful, yet quiet—and most important—that *you like it*—then one of your problems of selecting a trailer is solved.

You may have other personal likes and dislikes that will guide you in your choice of a trailer. Add them to this list and take them all along as you shop. Once you find the convertible you want, it will mean many wonderful years of traveling.

In fact, if your family is similar to ours, you'll keep the new trailer packed with food and holiday fun gear.

Then it is a great temptation just to "hitch up and go." That's how simple it is. In fact, with little preparation on a Friday afternoon, you can be all set—ready to roll toward a low-cost but glorious weekend at your "cottage" in the mountains, deep in the woods, or at the lakeshore. The choice is yours—especially if your choice of trailers has been a sound and wise one.



CAMPING: WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW

by Katie McMullen

It was in late June of 1965 that I took a deep breath and climbed the last steep 20 feet to a ridge high in Mount McKinley National Park. Up there, eye level with the mountain sheep on a neighboring ridge, I turned to admire the famous mountain itself. McKinley was showing that morning, though it was some 50 or more miles away in a straight line. It had taken several hours to reach this spot from the road far below, so we picked a resting spot out of the wind and sat down to enjoy the view.

Many times on my camping trip through Alaska, and in many places in that state, I had the feeling I was in the most unlikely location on earth. Especially was this so within sight of McKinley. Five years before I'd scarcely any outdoor experience to recommend me as a staff member of a camping magazine. In fact, prior to 1960 I could recount only one camping experience—one sleepless night spent in an umbrella tent in the Whiteshell area of Manitoba. Three women trying to find comfortable positions on a single mattress brought on my only attack of claustrophobia to

date. No fishing trip ever began at an earlier hour than on that trip.

But now, nonchalantly gazing at McKinley as if it were something I did every day, I marveled all the more at the camping aplomb I had acquired in five years. I had come a long way since I became a camper in earnest. That was when I took my first real outdoor trip—a camping jaunt to Nova Scotia in 1960. Then we were possessed of more camping equipment than common sense, and in retrospect five air mattresses for two people *does* seem just a little too cautious even for beginning campers.

Like most campers hurrying into the outdoors in recent years, there is nothing in my background to account for my recently acquired love of camping. Aside from having rather nomadic forebears who moved westward across Canada on command of the British army—including a grandfather purported to have rolled logs on the Ottawa River for his own amusement—nothing really equips me for the role of camper. I still readily subscribe to weekly visits to the hairdresser, believe in daily baths when practical, and am even known to study fashion magazines to note the trends.

I camp because I like to travel, enjoy the relaxation that living out-of-doors offers, and see it as a way to discover America in a way that even Columbus never did.

Before I started camping, my vacations were the routine trips that many people experience. Interesting and fun, of course. But I realize now that, even

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then, the really enjoyable part of the trip was *places* I went to see—the seashore, redwood forests, sunny canyons and snow-capped mountains.

REVITALIZING

Now I am even much nearer these glories. I can sense their pleasures to the very *nth* degree, and for a whole lot less than I once spent. I've profited in other ways, too. I feel better, keep slimmer, feel much younger and, unless I've been given a lot of blarney, even look younger. It's not surprising. Everybody knows what plenty of sunshine, fresh air, exercise, a good change of pace from the humdrum life, plus a happy, healthy disposition can do for a girl's figure, face and femininity! I feel more alive, my senses have perked up. I don't have the suspicion, as I once did, that I am surrounded by chrome, glass and plastic, viewing a synthetic scene. It's the difference between the artificial and the real thing. And I've found the real McMullen.

If you've never been camping, do it this summer. You'll experience a whole new way of living!

Many women have yet to make the discovery that camping is no longer what it was once pictured to be. In the bad old days of camping it was a kind of no-woman's land where you would never want to venture. If a wife followed her husband to the woods at all, it was into a bathless, comfortless existence where she had to look at a growing forest on his face far denser than the northwoods he had buried her in. There was no escape from a steady diet of fish, bacon and beans, and any suggestion of comfort was looked upon with suspicion.

The realization that camping is so easy even women can enjoy it has come to thousands of new campers each year, and may the tribe increase! The requiem to the old outdoorsman has been sung, and only in the movies, on TV or in out-of-date camping books do you find the dusty, crusty, bearded camper of yore crouched over his wood fire, cooking out of a tin can, and sleeping on a bough bed in the rain. Drab canvas has

been replaced and in its stead are cool, yet storm-proof tents and trailers. Camping is not only easier and more fun; it's much more attractive too.

Women really ought to rise up like the suffragettes of old and strike a camping medal for the one who put color into the campground. And another for whoever put modern convenience in camping, designed portable coolers and picnic jugs, smokeless, controllable cook stoves, double-deck bunks, foam mattresses and portable plumbing—all the comforts of home to take away from home. Camping is simply living in the out-of-doors, and it just makes good sense to make it as pleasant as possible. Camping is now something you enjoy, not endure, so no wonder more and more women like it.

Lists made by other people are always fine for helping you to remember what it is you forgot to bring along. Every husband who expects his wife to go camping with him ought to have one like the one in this book. At the top add: Don't forget the wig! Follow that up with portable shower, insulated sleeping bag, hot water bottle, and your success is assured.

A FAMILY ADVENTURE

The camper who rates gold stars today has a lot of things going for him. His tent or convertible trailer unfolds and sets up in minutes. With facilities to wash and campstoves and ovens to quickly create tasty meals, camping has become so civilized Mom and the kids wouldn't think of letting Dad go alone. It's now a family adventure.

Well, perhaps not always completely a family adventure. I remember an early issue of *Better Camping* carried an article called "Can You Camp with Kids?" A sequel, I determined, should be written called "Can You Camp with the Old Folks?" and I announced this great idea to my own family one night. Shortly, my mother and I set off on a trailer trip to the Caspe Peninsula. She had celebrated her 70th birthday the day before. Along the way we recruited a middle-

aged aunt.

For a while during the first night, however, the success of the trip seemed in doubt. I had picked a beautiful spot high atop a hill overlooking Lake Ontario at Kingston, and wondered why the other campers huddled under the trees. I found out later when the rain came down; the trailer frame shook and rattled and blew in on every side with the wind. Inside we all spent a restless night, and I worried whether the trailer would take off down the hill. But other than this incident, our whole trip was a huge success.

YOU MEET NICE PEOPLE

"Aren't you afraid to camp alone?" I'm often asked, but this is by noncampers. Campers know there are few places as safe as a campground, and women camping alone or together will find help on every side. I pulled into Algonquin Park in Ontario late one night, well past the recommended camping hour. While I tried to light my lantern with damp matches, a camping neighbor brought me dry ones. Afterwards, trying to blow my air mattress up with a new-fangled pump that worked off the car cigarette lighter outlet, I became quite conscious of the deafening noise it seemed to make in the almost-sleeping campground. I quickly pulled it all inside the car and shut the doors in an attempt to quiet it before I roused the entire place. Later I decided it had only sounded loud to me.

Under the new unwritten rules of camping, there is nothing to stop women campers from paying a regular visit to a hairdresser. In fact, I recommend it as a camping preliminary. And it's predicted that, just as in city laundrettes, campground laundry centers will also soon have coin-op hairdryers and other niceties. You simply enjoy yourself a lot more even in the outdoors when you know you look good. A friend with whom I frequently camp made another discovery that solves the problem of camping where there are overused or not-so-nice facilities. You can stop at motels,

especially during morning hours, and for a dollar or two have a shower and get cleaned up for the day.

I've gone around Lake Superior in April, when the snow is still on the ground and campgrounds are scarcely open. My noncamping friend who made plans for it on a balmy summer night still reminds me of the night we spent camping when we could have reached her warm apartment at Sault Ste. Marie. Next morning ice glistened in the canvas, but to this day she remembers with delight her Easter morning breakfast on the shore of a frozen lake.

Canoe camping is a favorite of mine, since I was introduced to it on the Buffalo in Arkansas. Less strenuous than backpacking, unless you pick a route with portages, it offers still another way to enjoy the out-of-doors. A leisurely trip offers time to stop and explore caves, hike up nearby trails, look for wildlife, study wildflowers.

Five years of camping leave me still a novice at it, but I hope to try for fifty more. The nice thing about camping today is that it can be enjoyed by everyone in one form or another, regardless of age or even physical stamina. The old-timers can laugh at how convenient it has become, but the numbers of people enjoying it are proof alone of its satisfactions. At a point in civilization when our needs are met by machines that we drive, buttons that we push, or knobs that we turn, camping offers us a chance to again become masters of all we survey.

Living out-of-doors, even with all the conveniences, is still a challenge, and every simple achievement a thrill. It's adventure spelled with a small a, though sometimes excitement spelled in capitals. When you meet a moose on the trail on Isle Royale, wash dishes in the snow atop Crow Pass in Alaska while mountain goats parade over a nearby peak, you realize there's a whole new world to get to know. There are hundreds of opportunities to grow into a better type of person, and there are people to meet on the way, and places to see in this outdoor world. And, as I said before, the very best way to do it is by camping.

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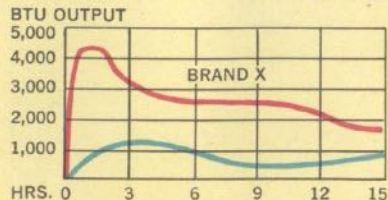
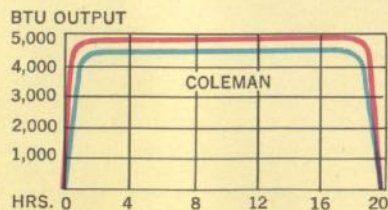
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SEEING THE U.S.A. ON \$5 A DAY

by John Gartner

The average American's love of travel is limited only by his pocketbook. Because I fit into this category with millions of others, I have spent a lifetime traveling in many ways with one eye on the advantages and disadvantages of each mode of travel, and the other eye on my wallet. After 50 years of wandering, I have discovered that each method is a compromise of some sort and that a modern camping trip, in several of its variations, has far more "plus" than "minus" in its favor.

Possibly this conclusion has been unduly influenced by the fact that I love the outdoors and all that it has to offer. And, secondly, of course, you can see more, go farther and do more on a vacation or a weekend when you take a well-planned, do-it-yourself tour of our nation's wonderlands.

Research by government agencies has definitely shown that travel in the family automobile ranks number one in the outdoor activities of most Americans. Many of the trips are for the day where

a picnic lunch will suffice. Others are to grandma's house in the country or to a mutual friend who has a spare room or two. However, quite a few involve the factors of lodging, meals, and a selection of activities in addition to transportation.

I think I have traveled to outdoor areas in about every manner that is available. I have hiked with a pack on my back, ridden a bicycle with my camp gear on the rack behind the seat, traveled and camped in a car first with my parents then with a pal and later with my wife and family, towed tent-top and travel trailers, driven several kinds of pickup campers and "family wagons," wrestled with house cars, flown in private and commercial planes and helicopters, ridden buses and taken trains. In each case I not only kept track of the cost involved, but upon returning home, I analyzed the trip as to its good and bad features.

I reached an inescapable conclusion. Camping is not only far less costly but offers more downright family pleasure and fun with fewer drawbacks than any of the other methods.

First, my figures show that an average family, traveling in an automobile and carrying basic camp equipment for shelter, cooking and sleeping, can have a wonderful time for \$20 a day—\$5 for each person—barring, of course, unforeseen emergency expenses. Conversely,

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this same family staying in hotels or motels and eating at restaurants had better figure on \$49 a day or \$12.25 for each person. And, believe me, this is a conservative figure.

Broken down further, the \$20 for campers divides into about \$8 to \$10 for food, \$4 to \$6 for incidentals (souvenirs, toll fees, park & amusement fees, etc.). \$1 to \$2 camp fee, and \$4 for fuel (200 miles @15 mpg @30c per gallon). This is not exact for each day but will average out over a vacation lasting for a week or two. Camping for several days in one spot for instance would eliminate most of the fuel costs for that period and permit more miles of travel for the days on the road. Also, nutritious meals can be prepared for less than the stated figure particularly if two of the travelers are smaller children. Incidentally, teenagers are figured as adults when it comes to food!

On the other hand, the minimum figure of \$49 for the motel-restaurant family breaks down into \$20 to \$25 a day for food, \$16 to \$20 for the motel or hotel bill, \$4 for fuel and \$4 for incidentals. It is probable that the food and lodging allowances may vary somewhat but the figures are pretty accurate for the western part of the U.S. where I do most of my traveling. Tips are included in both the food and lodging estimates.

There are technical economists who will dispute the above figures because I have not calculated the initial cost of a camp outfit or other depreciations. So let's satisfy them.

Car expense in either case is a stand-off.

A complete basic camping outfit for four can be purchased for somewhere between \$225 and \$300 depending on quality. Incidentally, the Coleman brand is unexcelled in this field; most of the equipment I use carries this name. With reasonable care such an outfit will last for 20 years; I have a Coleman lantern and stove older than that which still function perfectly. So even a \$300 outfit divided by its life span of 20 years costs only \$15 a year or about one night in a hotel or motel. If it is used only for a two week trip each year, the proportionate

cost is about \$1 per night for its use.

For a Coleman Holiday of a week or more, it is sometimes simpler to figure your *basic* minimum expenses at \$4 or even less per day per person. This low, overall figure of say \$14 to \$16 for a party of four is in fact quite realistic and even generous, depending on the miles you hope to cover. For example, as shown elsewhere in this Guide, nothing-fancy but good complete nourishing *meals* for a foursome can cost around \$6.50 a day. The second essential, *lodging*, is \$3 and under. For the third basic consideration, *mileage*, this leaves \$7.50, which on the average would provide gasoline for 300 to 350 miles—a respectable day's drive.

The accompanying chart shows what such costs would be for a typical trip lasting one week plus a second weekend.

How to figure your Basic Expenses for a 9-day, 1,000-mile Coleman Holiday for 4 persons

Food @ \$6.50* per day	\$ 58.50
Park fees and camp gear	
pro-rated cost @ \$3.00** per day	27.00
Mileage average—gas, oil, tolls	39.50
Total	\$125.00
or less than \$3.50 a day per person	

3-day, 250-mile Coleman Holiday for 4 (2 nights at campsite) about \$35.00

*See page 17.

**See page 47.

Although cost is a factor, there are other advantages—and a few disadvantages—that should be considered. The big plus is that camping puts one closer to nature than any other activity. The more rugged individuals put their outfits on their backs and hike into the hinterlands. However, for most of us, the tent, trailer or family wagon provides most of the desired contact with nature plus some of the creature comforts!

Another important point is the freedom one has in camping. Camp can be set up in a secluded place just as easily as it can in an established campground. For instance, the millions of acres of public lands are open to the camper and his family. Many private ranches and farms are available, often just for the

courtesy of asking permission. New campsites are appearing almost daily in the national parks, forests and monuments. A new organization, Kampgrounds of America, Inc., already has a chain of 200 campgrounds operating in 1966 with excellent prospects for increasing the number rapidly in the future.

For children, particularly those who live in the city, a camping trip is a wonderful adventure. From the closeness to nature, they learn valuable lessons of self reliance as well as the interesting facets of plant, bird and animal life.

But that's not all you'll have for your \$5 a day. You can really see the whole U.S.A. for that amount—and have a wonderful time to boot.

Let's take a typical day in, say the Grand Lake area of Colorado. An excellent camping area is located right on the shores of Lake Granby, just south of Grand Lake. It is a beautiful clear mountain lake, wonderful for sailing, outboarding, swimming and fishing. Overlooking the lake is a meandering mountain that is topped by the craggy likeness of Abraham Lincoln—lying down among the peaks looking Heavenward as if asleep, enjoying the peaceful solitude of this scenic park.

You can pitch your camp near the water's edge or in amongst the sheltering trees. Picnic tables, pure tap water, firewood and helpful information from a smartly dressed ranger are fully available.

Here the whole family can have unending delights all day or for many days on or in the water, hiking and mountain climbing for just a few dollars!

You're within a short drive to provisions down to the town of Granby, or, a few miles to the north, is the resort village of Grand Lake. In Grand Lake you can go horse-back riding, rent boats and enjoy numerous other outdoor pursuits.

On a longer drive still, you can continue north to the grandeur of Estes Park, scaling mountain heights of 12,000 ft. and higher.

Or, on a south-easterly route from Lake Granby is the restored wild west mining town of Central City. Another fine campground is a short drive from

this busy picturesque town, so here again you could make camp and spend another pleasant part of your holiday—still averaging about \$20 a day for a family of four.

FREE EVENTS

And, as noted in an earlier section of this book, "The Campers' Day," in many areas there are entertainments, lectures, historical monuments, battlefields, ghost towns, famous homes and restored pioneer forts that are free to the public.

Some established camp grounds also have swimming pools, ball diamonds and other recreation open to all free or for a nominal sum. You'll also find that public dances or sing-alongs are held in some parks.

Just as a starter, take your own particular region. Within a day or two's drive there are probably several spectacular sights and intriguing landmarks that draw thousands of tourists yearly.

Find out where they are, check to see if there are any special festivals or fairs, then work out an itinerary.

Plan your budget realistically and you'll find you can have a world of new delights for the whole family for no more than it costs to stay home.

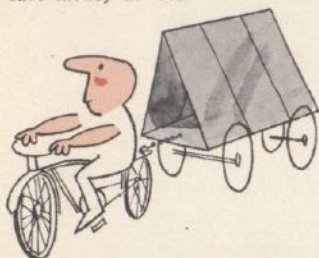
After one or two sojourns into surrounding territory, make a more ambitious plan — and by then you'll have plenty of help from all the family. When vacation time comes, you'll be ready to treat everybody to a trip you never dreamed possible on such a small budget.

On the other hand, there are those who dislike the chores of erecting and taking down a tent, of readying the cooking and sleeping equipment, and other details involved in moving your holiday house and possessions daily. However, a bit of organization and planning will simplify much of this. In addition, modern tents are lighter in weight and far simpler to erect than the tents previously available. Camp stoves have been lightened and improved, chest coolers are far more efficient and usable, polyfoam pads for sleeping are ready instantly and eliminate the chore of inflat-

ing an air mattress, sleeping bags are light but warm, and dozens of inexpensive clever gadgets designed expressly for campers add to comfort and convenience.

One sure way to keep expenses down is to build or buy as many camp necessities as you can before you leave home. And the more utensils and other household items you can adapt to your trip, the less you'll have to buy. Make sure you don't forget essential pieces of gear—only to have to go out and buy them when on the trip. The more preparation, the more resourceful you will be under all conditions, thus avoiding costly emergencies.

Just as an example, you might build plywood "grub boxes" for more orderly keeping of staples, dry foods and can goods. This will mean less waste and bother. Pack your cooler chest carefully so you can carry maximum food supplies purchased at the supermarket back home. Fill your insulated jug with plenty of ice cold inexpensive beverages to satisfy the children's constant thirst. This will save countless stops for cold drinks and save money as well.



If you have a "family wagon" or a small family "bus," you might want to adapt it to your camping needs. These vehicles drive, park, and ride quite comfortably, present an acceptable appearance, yet on trips they convert almost instantly into a camping setup. I have a Ford Supervan with an elevating roof and special inside arrangements to accommodate my 300 pounds of bulk! I use a Coleman LP-gas stove, a station wagon cooler, a single mantle LP-gas lantern, and one of the new catalytic

heaters as part of the equipment.

It must be remembered that such conversions add considerably to the cost of the family vehicle. A camping interior with folding seat beds, galley, water tank, sink, icebox, wardrobe, etc., lists at from \$500 to \$800 while an elevating roof installation adds another \$400 to \$600. A "do-it-yourselfer" can save money by building his own camping interior and furnishing it with Coleman equipment as I have done several times. If the unit is also the family car, make sure you qualify as a good craftsman before you attempt the job. Folding seat beds should be purchased from a trailer supply or furniture house. In my opinion an elevating top is too difficult for the home craftsman to tackle.

Then there are camping or tent trailers which can be purchased for \$600 to \$1,000 and up. Select a good camping trailer—such as one of the new aluminum Coleman CT-1's—and you'll find that with reasonable care it will also give your family enjoyment for 20 years or longer. Some of these come so fully equipped that your only additional outlay for camp gear might be for a camp oven, a broiler-griddle and a few other accessories—if you use your household bedding, pots and pans, etc. Still, the pro-rated daily cost of a convertible trailer will exceed that of tent camping gear, and thus your basic expenses for a family tour of America will be somewhat more than the \$5-per-day-per-person budget.

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In summary, we see that "camping on a tight budget" can be fun and exacting and can range from the simplest form of a "blanket pack" for the hiker up through the use of spacious family tents or a camping vehicle. Choice of outfit in each case is basically a matter of cost and convenience.

Each individual must weigh his own needs and desires against his pocketbook in order to make a decision. But the camping man who wants to take his family and "See the U.S.A. on \$5 a Day" can do it and everybody will have an enjoyable time in the process.

SOURCES OF CAMPING INFORMATION

by Roger M. Latham

There appears to be almost no limit to the number of books, guides, campground lists and maps luring the camper to distant vistas and describing what to expect after he arrives.

Also, there are federal and state departments of travel and touring to supply on-the-spot information for the vacationing camper. And there are camping associations and clubs to provide similar services to members.

Of course, the several national camping magazines are filled with many articles and specialty features on where-to-go and how to enjoy camping to the fullest. Other national outdoor magazines have regular camping editors who write on the subject each month.

With all of this information available, the novice camper, or the camper looking for new worlds to explore has no excuse for not being well fortified with knowledge even before he leaves his front door.

To aid the vacationing camper who needs assistance of one kind or another, a listing of these sources of information is given below. Because new items appear annually and others become unavailable for one reason or another, the listing is not guaranteed to be one hundred per cent correct. However, every attempt has been made to provide as near an accurate compilation as possible.

BOOKS FOR THE CAMPER

National Parks of the West by the editors of Sunset Books. 320 pages. Lane Book Co., Willow & Muddfield Roads, Menlo Park, Calif. \$11.75.

Nelson's Encyclopedia of Camping by E. C. James. 682 pages. Thomas Nelson & Sons, New York. \$7.50.

Camping Skills for Trail Living by John A. Ledlie. 192 pages. Association Press, New York. \$4.95.

Vacation Camping by George Laycock. 128 pages. Popular Mechanics Press, Chicago. 75 cents.

The Campers Bible by Bill Riviere. (Doubleday. \$1.95)

Touring with Towser, Gaines Dog Research Center, 250 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. 10017. 25 cents.

Recipes from the Martha Gooch Kitchen. 10-pg. pamphlet, illustrated. Gooch Food Products Co. Box 388, Lincoln, Nebr. Free.

The Handbook of Auto Camping and Motorist's Guide to Public Campgrounds by George and Iris Wells. Harper & Row, 49 E. 33rd St., New York, N. Y. 10016. \$4.95.

Men-on-the-Move 20-pg. camping cookbook. Illustrated. McIlhenny Co. Avery Island, Louisiana 70513

All About Camping by W. K. Merrill, The Stackpole Co., Harrisburg, Pa. \$3.95.

Complete Book of Camping by Leonard Miracle with Maurice Decker, Harper & Row, New York. \$4.95.

The Handbook of Wilderness Travel by George and Iris Wells, Harper & Row, New York. \$4.

Your Family Goes Camping by Doris T. Patterson, Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tenn. \$2.50 cloth bound; \$1.50 paper bound.

Camping and Outdoor Cooking by Rae Oetting and Mabel Robison. T. S. Denison & Co., Minneapolis, Minn. \$4.95.

The Art of Plug Fishing by Homer Circle. The Stackpole Co., Harrisburg, Pa.

The Outdoorsman's Cookbook by Arthur H. Carhart 217 pages. Collier Books, New York. 95 cents.

Every Sportsman's Cookbook by Maxine Atherton. 335 pages. The Macmil-

lan Co., New York. \$4.95.

Family Campers' Cookbook by Bill Riviere. 244 pages. Holt, Rinehart & Winston, New York. \$4.95.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS FOR THE CAMPER

Available through the Supt. of Documents, Gov't Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Camping—20c

National Forest Vacations—30c

Backpacking in the National Forest Wilderness, Family Adventure—15c

Camping Facilities in Areas Administered by the National Park Service—10c

Wilderness—20c

Reclamation's Recreational Opportunities—15c

Areas Administered by the National Park Service—20c

The National Park System — (two maps) Eastern U.S., 20c; Western U.S., 20c

Tourist Facilities on the Inter-American Highway—50c

In addition, a series of descriptive folders on the various national parks is available from the Supt. of Documents. Campers can write for a price list.

CAMPING GUIDES

Camping Maps, U.S.A. and Canada, \$2.95; **Private Campgrounds, U.S.A.**, \$1.95 and **Camping Trips, U.S.A.**, \$1. **Camping Maps, U.S.A.**, Box 862, Upper Montclair, N. J.

Campground Guide Campgrounds Unlimited, Blue Rapids, Kansas 66411. \$1.50.

Rand McNally Guidebook to Campgrounds (a family directory), \$2.95. Barcam Publishing Co., P.O. Box F, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif. 90274.

North Carolina Coastal Fishing and Vacation Guide, Graphic Press, 418 S. Dawson St., Raleigh, N. C. 50 cents.

Recreation Travel Guide to New England and the Middle Atlantic States. Recreation Travel Guide, 15

W. 44th St., New York, N. Y. \$1.50.

Rocky Mountain Outdoor Recreation Guide. John B. Kline, 1270-26th St., Boulder, Colo. 80302. \$2.

Camping Areas — New England; Camping Areas—New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Buxton Guides, John S. Herold, Inc., 25 Greenwich Ave., Greenwich, Conn. \$1.95.

Campground Directory. Allstate Motor Club, 7435 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, Ill.

AAA Camping Guide. American Automobile Assoc., 1712 G. St., N. W., Washington, D.C.

Camper's Guide to the Eastern and Southeastern United States. Sportsman's Guide Publishing Co., 4181 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. 10057. \$1.75.

Camping Family's Guide to Campsites. C. S. Hammond & Co., Maplewood, N. J. \$2.50.

Michigan Campground Guide, by Ace and Polly Rowlee, 113 Brewer Drive, Battle Creek, Mich. \$1.

The Midwest Boating, Fishing, Camping Guide. Midwest Guide, 3234 W. Marquette Rd., Chicago 29, Ill. \$1.

Tent Camper's Guide to New England and New York State. Outdoor Publishers, Box 155, Ricky Hill, Conn. \$1.

Camping and Motoring Through Europe. Amity Tours, Box 74, Glenolden, Pa. \$4.50.

Camping Through Europe By Car. Crown Publishers, Inc., New York. \$2.95.

The Milepost. Alaska-Northwest Publishing Co., 2131-2nd Ave., Seattle 1, Wash. \$1.95.

Sportsman Guide. The Sportsman Guide Publishing Co., 30-30 Gentner Rd., Fairlawn, N. J.

Travel Trailer Park Guide. Mobile Homes Manufacturer's Assoc., Publications Division, 20 N. Wacker Dr., Room 656, Chicago, Ill. 60606.

Vacation Guide to Recommended Farms, Ranches, Lodges, Campsites and Trailer Parks. Farm Vacations and Holidays, Inc., 36 East 57th St., New York, N. Y. 10022.

Woodall's Mobile Home and Travel Park Directory. Woodall Publishing Co., 740 N. Rush St., Chicago, Ill.

U. S. TRAVEL INFORMATION BY INDIVIDUAL STATES

Alabama: Dept. of Conservation, State Capitol, Montgomery 36104. Also, Bureau of Publicity & Information, State Capitol, Montgomery 36104.

Alaska: Dept. of Economic Development & Planning, Alaska Travel Division, Box 2391, Juneau 99801.

Arizona: Arizona Development Board, 1500 W. Jefferson St., Phoenix 85007.

Arkansas: Arkansas Publicity & Parks Commission, Room 412, State Capitol, Little Rock 72201.

California: Dept. of Parks & Recreation, Division of Beaches & Parks, P.O. Box 2390, Sacramento 95811.

Colorado: Dept. of Public Relations, State Capitol, Denver 80203.

Connecticut: State Park & Forest Commission, Hartford 06115. Also, Connecticut Development Commission, State Office Bldg., Hartford 06115.

Delaware: State Park Commission, 3300 Faulkland Rd., Wilmington 19808. Also, Delaware State Development, Tourism Division, 45 The Green, Dover 19901.

District of Columbia: National Capital Region, National Park Service, 1100 Ohio Drive S.W., Washington 20242.

Florida: Florida Park Service, 101 West Gaines St., Tallahassee.

Georgia: Georgia Dept. of State Parks, 7 Hunter St. S.W., Atlanta 30334.

Hawaii: Hawaii Visitors Bureau, 2051 Kalakaua Ave., Hawaii.

Idaho: Dept. of Commerce & Development, State House, Boise.

Illinois: Dept. of Conservation, Division of Parks & Memorials, 100 State Office Bldg., Springfield 62706.

Indiana: Division of State Parks, Dept. of Conservation, 616 State Office Bldg., Indianapolis 46209. Also, Indiana Tourist Assistance Council, State House, Indianapolis 46204.

Iowa: Public Relations, State Conservation Commission, East 7th & Court, Des Moines 50309.

Kansas: Dept. of Economic Develop-

ment, State Office Bldg., Topeka 66612.

Kentucky: Travel Division, Dept. of Public Information, Capitol Annex Bldg., Frankfort 40601.

Louisiana: State Parks & Recreation Commission, Old State Capitol Bldg., P.O. Drawer 1111, Baton Rouge 70821.

Maine: State Park & Recreation Commission, State House, Augusta 04330. Also, Dept. of Economics Development, State House, Augusta.

Maryland: Dept. of Forests & Parks, State Office Bldg., Annapolis 21404. Also, Tourist Division, Dept. of Economic Development, State Office Bldg., Annapolis.

Massachusetts: Dept. of Natural Resources (Camping), Ashburton Place, Boston. Also, Massachusetts Dept. of Commerce, 150 Causeway St., Boston.

Michigan: Michigan Tourist Council, Stevens T. Mason Bldg., Lansing 48926.

Minnesota: Division of State Parks, 320 Centennial Office Bldg., St. Paul 55101.

Mississippi: Mississippi Park System, 1104 Woolfolk Bldg., Jackson.

Missouri: Missouri State Park Board, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City 65102. Also, Division of Commerce & Industrial Development, Travel-Recreation Section, Jefferson Bldg., Jefferson City.

Montana: Advertising Dept., Montana Highway Commission, Helena 59601.

Nebraska: Nebraskaland, State Capitol, Lincoln 68509.

Nevada: State Park System, Carson City 89701. Also, Dept. of Economic Development, Carson City.

New Hampshire: Division of Economic Development, State House Annex, Concord 03301.

New Jersey: Dept. of Conservation & Economics Development, Forests & Parks Section, P.O. Box 1889, Trenton 08625. Also, Dept. of Conservation and Economic Development, State Promotion Section, P.O. Box 1889, Trenton.

New Mexico: State Tourist Division, 302 Galisteo, Santa Fe 87501. Also, State Park & Recreation Commission, P.O. Box 1147, Santa Fe.

New York: Conservation Dept., Division of Lands & Forests, Bureau of Forest Recreation, State Campus, Albany 12226. Also, Division of Parks, State Campus Site, Albany, and Dept. of Commerce, Travel Bureau, 112 State St., Albany 12207.

North Carolina: Travel Information Division, Dept. of Conservation and Development, Raleigh 27602.

North Dakota: Travel Dept., North Dakota State Capitol, Bismarck 58501.

Ohio: Division of Parks & Recreation, Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources, 1500 Dublin Rd., Columbus 43212. Also, Development Dept., Information Central, Room 1007, Ohio Depts. Bldg., Columbus 43215.

Oklahoma: Planning & Resources Board, Tourist Division, Will Rogers Memorial Bldg., Room 500, Oklahoma City 73105.

Oregon: Travel Information Division, State Highway Dept., Salem 97310.

Pennsylvania: State Dept. of Forests & Waters, Harrisburg 17120. Also, Travel Development Bureau, Dept. of Commerce, 405 South Office Bldg., Harrisburg.

Rhode Island: Division of Parks & Recreation, 100 N. Main St., Providence 02903.

South Carolina: Division of State Parks, Commission of Forestry, P.O. Box 357, Columbia 29202. Also, State Development Board, P.O. Box 927, Columbia 29202.

South Dakota: Publicity Division, Dept. of Highways, Pierre 57501.

Tennessee: Division of State Parks, 235 Cordell Hull Bldg., Nashville 3. Also, Division of Information & Tourist Promotion, 264 Cordell Hull Bldg., Nashville.

Texas: Parks & Wildlife Dept., John H. Reagan Bldg., Austin 78701. Also, Texas Highway Dept., Travel & Information Division, Austin 78701.

Utah: Tourist & Publicity Council, Council Hall-State Capitol, Salt Lake City 84114.

Vermont: Dept. of Forests & Parks, Montpelier.

Virginia: Division of Parks, Suite 403, Southern States Bldg., 7th & Main Sts., Richmond 23219. Also, Division of Public Relations and Advertising, State Office Bldg., Richmond 23219.

Washington: Tourist Promotion Division, Dept. of Commerce and Economic Development, General Administration Bldg., Olympia 98502.

West Virginia: Division of Parks & Recreation, Dept. of Natural Resources, State Office Bldg., Charleston 25305. Also, Dept. of Commerce, Travel Development Division, State Capitol Bldg., Charleston 25305.

Wisconsin: Vacation & Travel Service, Conservation Dept., P.O. Box 450, Madison 53701.

Wyoming: Travel Commission, 2320 Capitol Ave., Cheyenne 82001.

CANADIAN TRAVEL INFORMATION

Canada: Canadian Government Travel Bureau, Ottawa, Ontario. Also write here for information on Yukon & Northwest Territories.

Alberta: Alberta Government Travel Bureau, 331 Highways Bldg., Edmonton.

British Columbia: British Columbia Government Travel Bureau, Parliament Bldgs., Victoria.

Manitoba: Tourist Development Branch, Dept. of Industry & Commerce, Winnipeg 1.

New Brunswick: New Brunswick Travel Bureau, 796 Queen St., Fredericton.

Newfoundland: Newfoundland Tourist Development Office, St. John's.

Nova Scotia: Nova Scotia Travel Bureau, Dept. of Trade & Industry, Halifax.

Ontario: Ontario Dept. of Tourism & Information, 67 College St., Toronto 2.

Prince Edward Island: Prince Edward Island Travel Bureau, P.O. Box 1087, Charlottetown.

Quebec: Dept. of Tourism, Fish & Game, 12 Ste. Anne St., Quebec.

Saskatchewan: Tourist Development Branch, Power Bldg., Regina.

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