

Check it out: Books and stuff

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Vacation accouterments

Now that school is officially out for the summer, many thoughts are turning to vacations.

Everyone knows the path to getting “there” can get long and boring from the seat of just about any vehicle.

American Girl offers “Miles of Smiles: Travel Games & Quizzes to Go” for girls ages 8 and up. The activity book is divided into two major sections — games and puzzles. It also includes a license plate checklist, board game and travel journal. Cost \$9.95.

For adult travelers, keeping everyone’s stuff organized can be a challenge. Here are some products to check out:

* ArchPort Sandals are flip-flop style sandals with an ankle strap. Storage compartments are built into the soles for carrying things such as ID, keys, cash and credit cards. No need to remove the sandal for access, simply lift your foot and pull out the wallet compartment. Available at www.archport.com for \$49.95

* **PlaneComfort is a compact travel fleece blanket with inflatable pillow and pillowcase. It all fits in a hands-free travel tote. Great for planes, trains, automobiles and beaches. Available at www.planecomfort.net for \$29.95 (solid colors) to \$39.95 (prints).**

* Giving baby a bath while you’re traveling can be tricky. But the Baby Bath Gate is lightweight, portable and quick to set up in any tub. Available at www.thebabybathgate.com for \$29.95

* Tranquileyes helps you say goodbye to red eyes with these swimming goggle-type glasses that replenish moisture to the eyes and sensitive surrounding skin, as well as keep light out for a quick rejuvenation. Available at www.eyeco.com for \$59.

* Stuck on You offers a variety of unique labels, tattoos and identification tags to keep track of everything from your kids, to your luggage to everyone’s clothes, shoes and gear. Available at www.stuckonyou.biz; prices range from \$3.50 to \$18.50.