



Plan Your Trip!

Molly has a lot to do to prepare for her trip to the Big Gathering in Anchorage, Alaska. While her parents are busy getting ready, Molly offers to help by looking at maps, checking schedules, and creating lists.

Use Molly's Trip Planning Guide to help your family prepare for an upcoming trip! The guide provides you with everything you need to make sure you are ready to go — whether you are traveling near or far. You can also add notes about your trip to the planning guide. These notes can come in handy next time you plan a trip.

Using the Guide

Think about where you want to start. Do you want to find out more about where you're going? Or do you want to start by making a packing list?

- Read over the instructions and determine if you have enough information to get started. For example, if you are making a packing list, do you know how many days of outfits you will need?
- Write down your schedule or list and then read it back to yourself. Are you missing anything?
- Share your ideas with your family and friends. Do they have suggestions?

Add Your Own Notes

- As you plan your trip, do you have questions? Write them down in the notes section and then figure out how you can get the answers. For example you might write, "What will the weather be like?" You can ask someone or look up the answers in a book or another resource, such as a weather app.
- Record your answers as you learn more about your trip. Ask a grown-up or older sibling to help if you aren't sure what to write down.
- Read the answers and determine if you need to make any changes to your schedule or packing list.
- Mark any questions that you have to wait until your trip happens to find out. For example, perhaps you're wondering what kind of food you'll eat when you get there. You can write down the answers to these questions when you're traveling.



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Look at a Map

Instructions: Where are you and your family going on your trip? Look at a paper or digital map on an app. Locate where you are traveling to. Is it near or far away from your home? What other places might you travel through and what might you see along the way?

Using what you learned from the map, draw a picture of how you plan to travel with your family. Will you be walking, driving in a car, or riding on a train? In your picture, include who you will be traveling with and something you might see along the way.



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Set the Schedule

Instructions: What will you and your family do on your trip? Who will you see? Talk to your family to find out what you will be doing and write down a few activities that you'll do throughout the trip. Print out a page for each day of your trip so that you can write down the schedule for each day.

DATE: _____

LOCATION: _____

MORNING: _____

AFTERNOON: _____

EVENING: _____



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Create a Checklist

Instructions: What do you need to take with you on your trip? Use the checklist below to make a list of what you need to pack. Tips: Look at your schedule and figure out if you need to bring anything for a special activity, such as swimming or hiking. You can also determine how many of each item you need to bring.

You can make other checklists for your trip too, such as a checklist of things you need to do before you leave. Talk to your family and write down or draw a to-do list and work together to complete the tasks, such as making sure the plants are watered.

TITLE: _____



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Create a Song Playlist or Reading List

Instructions: Do you like to listen to music or read while you travel? Talk to your family about what music you might want to listen to together as you travel. Make a song playlist for music or a reading list for books that you'll use to pass the time on your trip. Then, use the list to prepare your music on a tablet or phone or to pack your books. You can make multiple lists with different labels, such as "2023 Road Trip Jams," "Walk and Rock Jams," or "Best Books for the Bus."

TITLE: _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

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10. _____

11. _____

12. _____



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Share Memories

Instructions: While you're traveling, write down or draw a picture of your favorite memory. Add a caption to your picture to explain what it is — and if you need help, ask a family member to help you by writing for you. Talk about what made you laugh, what you'd like to try again, and if you met any new friends. It can help to review photos you took with your family and find one that inspires you. Draw as many memories as you like and then share them with your family and friends.



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