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Project #3: Planning a Road Trip

Project Overview:

Your job is to plan a fun, sports-related road trip for yourself and some friends. Your trip can take you anywhere and you can do anything as long as you meet these requirements:

- Your maximum budget (per person) is \$1,000, which can be used to pay for transportation, overnight accommodations, food, and tickets.
- You must visit at least 2 cities (outside the Lansing / St. Johns area) in either the United States or Canada.
- Your trip must be at least 3 days (2 nights) long.
- You must attend at least 3 real sporting events. It can be any sport, men's or women's, professional or college. In fact, you can even choose to attend minor league events (such as the Lansing Lugnuts) instead of major league events (like the Detroit Tigers) if you want.

The Assignment

Your grade for this project will be based on these assignments:

- Travel Log – record a brief overview of your travels from city to city and how many miles each “leg” of your trip will be; to find the mileage for each leg, you can use www.mapquest.com or some other directions site.
- Itinerary – create a detailed schedule for your trip including specific days and what you plan to do each day (travel, attend games, etc.)
- Budget – submit a budget for your trip outlining all of your expenses (be sure to show work and/or explain your calculations)

You will be responsible for sharing and presenting this information with your peers in our class. You can do this in any way you'd like, such as making charts, using maps, creating poster board presentations, etc. You need to type your work or use your neatest possible handwriting.

You have some decisions to make! Use the information on the following pages to assist you in planning your trip.

Transportation

Car Rental Options



If you plan to drive, you will need to rent a car. You cannot assume you own a car (since you don't) or that someone will drive you everywhere for free. In order to calculate the total cost of your car rental, you will need to answer the following questions.

- How much does the car you are renting cost PER DAY? The following rental car companies have locations in the Lansing area. Check out their web sites using the links below. Once you get to their site, you can select the make and model of your desired vehicle.

[Budget Rent-a-Car](#)
[Enterprise Rent-a-Car](#)
[National Car Rental](#)

- How much will you spend on gas? The following web sites are great resources for estimating your fuel costs. You will need to enter information about your rental car in order (year, make, model, etc.).

[FuelEconomy.gov](#)
[GasBuddy.com](#)

Air Fare Options

If you plan to fly, you will need to determine the cost of your airfare. Research the cheapest flights using any of the links below:

[Travelocity.com](#)

[Expedia.com](#)

[Hotwire.com](#)

[Orbitz.com](#)

[Cheapair.com](#)



Overnight Accommodations

Hotel Options

Options are based on cheapest hotel rooms available through travelocity.com. Accommodations include a standard room for up to 4 people with 2 double or queen size beds. You can also find your own hotel costs using the same site you used for airfare.

- Ritz Carlton (a 5 star hotel) - \$364 per night
- Marriott (a 4 star hotel) - \$259 per night
- Sheraton (a 3 star hotel) - \$107 per night
- Days Inn (a 2 star hotel) - \$50 per night

Camping Options

Prices are based on average prices according to www.reserveamerica.com.

- Standard family cabin - \$35 per night
- Regular outdoor campsite (for tents, etc.) - \$20 per night

Food

Options

You will need to think about how what you will eat on your trip. Will you eat out or buy groceries? Use the estimates below to calculate your expenses (per person).

- Fast Food - \$6 per meal
- Average Chain Restaurant (Applebees, Olive Garden, etc.) - \$15 per meal
- Buy food at the game(s) – you should set aside \$20 per game for this
- Buy your own groceries – you could probably get by on \$10 a day if you buy things like Pop Tarts, Ramen Noodles, etc. If you want better food than that, budget more money.

Tickets

Options

Planning this part of the trip is completely open-ended. You can go anywhere and do anything as long as you meet the basic requirements (at least 3 events in at least 2 different cities outside the Lansing / St. Johns area).

Gathering Your Thoughts

Use the space on this page to record your thoughts and the information you gather for your trip. Be sure to keep track of your expenses!

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