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“Planning a Road Trip” Project

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
- 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

Options are based on pricing through rentalcars.com. Included is the cost to rent per day, information about the size of the gas tank, and the gas mileage of the vehicle. When calculating your fuel costs, use the current price of gas which is \$4.00 per gallon.

<p><i>Economy</i></p> 	<p>Chevy Aveo or similar 2 doors, automatic transmission, air conditioning</p> <p>\$22 per weekend day \$45 per day during the week</p> <p>Gas tank holds 12 gallons; gets 30 miles per gallon</p>
<p><i>Full Size</i></p> 	<p>Chevy Impala, Ford Taurus or similar 2 or 4 doors, automatic transmission, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo, 6-cylinder</p> <p>\$32 per weekend day \$60 per day during the week</p> <p>Gas tank holds 17 gallons; gets 22 miles per gallon</p>
<p><i>Crossover</i></p> 	<p>Ford Edge, Chevy Equinox or similar 4 doors, automatic transmission, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo, 6-cylinder, tilt / cruise control</p> <p>\$60 per weekend day \$80 per day during the week</p> <p>Gas tank holds 17 gallons; gets 23 miles per gallon</p>
<p><i>Minivan</i></p> 	<p>Dodge Grand Caravan, Chevy Uplander or similar automatic transmission, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo, 6-cylinder, tilt / cruise control, room to seat 7 passengers</p> <p>\$68 per weekend day \$76 per day during the week</p> <p>Gas tank holds 20 gallons; gets 20 miles per gallon</p>

Air Fare Options

In order to calculate the cost of your air fare, you will want to visit www.travelocity.com/flights. If you need help, follow the directions below.

The image shows a screenshot of the Travelocity website's flight search interface. The page has a dark blue header with the Travelocity logo and navigation tabs for Home, Vacation Packages, Flights, Hotels, and Cars/Rail. The main content area is titled "Search for Cheap Flights" and contains a search form. The form includes options for Round-Trip (selected) and One-Way, a "Book Multiple Destinations" checkbox, and fields for "From:" (Detroit) and "To:" (Orlando). A dropdown menu for the "To:" field is open, showing options like "Orlando, FL - All Airports (ORL)", "Orlando International Airport, Orlando, FL (MCO)", "Orlando Sanford Airport, Orlando, FL (SFB)", and "Orlando, FL (ORL)". Below these are "Depart:" and "Return:" date fields, both set to 04/27/2012 and 04/29/2012 respectively, with "Anytime" dropdown menus. At the bottom of the form are sections for "How Many Will be Flying?" with dropdowns for Adults (1), Minors (0), and Seniors (0). At the bottom of the page, there are two green buttons: "Search Flights" and "Search Flights + Hotel", with a link for "See Advanced Search Options".

1.) Choose Round-Trip or One-way.

2.) Enter your starting city (either Detroit or Lansing).

3.) Type your destination city. Sometimes, you'll have to choose from more than one airport using the drop down menu.

4.) Enter the date you need to leave in the "depart" box. Choose the day you'll be coming home in the "return" box.

5.) For the purpose of this trip, you can assume you are 18. No matter how many people are going on your trip, you only need to calculate the cost for yourself so you can choose "1" in the adults category here meaning you need to buy 1 adult ticket.

6.) Finally, click "search flights." This will pull up a page with many options. For this project, simply choose the cheapest price (rounded to the nearest dollar).

Overnight Accommodations

Hotel Options

Options are based on information from each hotel's web site. Accommodations include a standard room for up to 4 people with 1 king or 2 double size beds.

- Ritz Carlton (a 5 star hotel) - \$339 per night
- Marriott (a 4 star hotel) - \$229 per night
- Sheraton (a 3 star hotel) - \$129 per night
- Days Inn (a 2 star hotel) - \$59 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.) - \$25 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 food expenses (per person).

- Fast Food - \$5 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 if you choose to do 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).