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Hello,

This July newsletter is extra special; I have a close friend, Dawn Kersten with Scrapbook 'Til Dawn, who is sharing her tips! Below, Dawn shares tips for packing for a cruise and how to date pictures you take on vacation. Thank you Dawn!

I also have another list of tips for those traveling with their children on this summer vacation.

Announcement: I recently became a "Certified" Personal Photo Organizer. Very cool!

Happy Summer!

Enjoy the newsletter!

Thank you,

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Vision to be Organized Tip  
*Top Five Cruise Packing Tips:*  
*in order of importance...*

1. Power strip/power bar perfectly gives you more plug ins for



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multiple electrical items (cell phone/laptop/iPod/iPad/blowdrier etc.) without having to play the switching game with your electronics!

2. Refillable hot and/or cold cup instead of constantly walking to the buffet for a 6oz cup of coffee or iced tea, bring a refill cup! Yes, one cruiser I know brought on a AM/PM 44oz refill cup & other cruisers were asking where the AM/PM was on the ship so they could get one too!

3. Need to do a quick load of laundry? Bring a roll of Quarters & fill a travel bottle w/ enough detergent for a load or two & a fabric softener sheet in a baggie. It's alot cheaper than buying on the ship & quicker than running to the purser's desk for change! \*AND if you are flying, this allows you to pack dryables for HALF the number of days, saving space & perhaps extra bag in fees with the airlines!

4. Blue painter's tape tear off a 12" strip from the roll (or even a couple of strips) and tape it inside the lid of your suitcase- it's perfect to tape your daily cruise news info or upcoming excursion info out of the way on a mirror or wall without ruining it! Or, if you are traveling in a group, to leave a note on a cabin door!

5. Ginger Root Tablets an inexpensive supplement to help a queasy stomach that you can take with water if you have a rough day at sea, and if you buy the wristbands to wear because you get seasick more often than not, buy TWO pair, one for wet (shower or pool) and another for dry!

6. Deck of Cards Stuck waiting for embarkation or to disembark? Pull the deck out of your carry-on & play cards with your cabin mate to pass the time rather than ignore



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each other for electronics!

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## *Happy Travels with Children*

Vacations with children are wonderful memory-makers. Some thoughtful planning will make them - and you - happy campers (so to speak).

\* Help kids pack their very own backpack full of favorite books/magazines, toys, snacks, activity or coloring books, hand-held games, a change of clothing, and other comfort items.

\* Bring some surprise items as well. Gift wrap some dollar store trinkets and hand them out at predetermined intervals, such as when you enter a new state or every two hours. A disposable camera will delight a preschooler. A frisbee or jump rope will inject some exercise into roadside stops.

\* A small travel journal or notebook can bring hours of entertainment and education for kids of all ages. Include a new package of colored pencils or gel pens, stickers, and other fun items.

\* Don't depend upon the airlines for food service. Pack your own to ward off major melt-downs. Granola bars, mini carrots, juice boxes, bagels, dried fruit, apples, and goldfish crackers are great for the whole family.

\* Books on tape or CD can provide quiet time. Rent them at your local library before you go. Consider bringing a portable DVD player for long trips.

\* Bone up on some travel games if you're traveling by car. There are tons of inspirational ideas on the internet. Just search for "travel games."



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**Happy Organizing!**

Thank you,

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Scrapbook Designer Tip  
*Remembering the Dates of  
Your Pictures While on  
Vacation*

Adjust your digital camera to the county/time zone that you are in so you will have the correct date and time you took the pictures....and if you don't remember how, then take a picture of the date on a calendar before you start your picture taking day each day so you will have a "log" of what day is what!

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**Happy Scrapping!**

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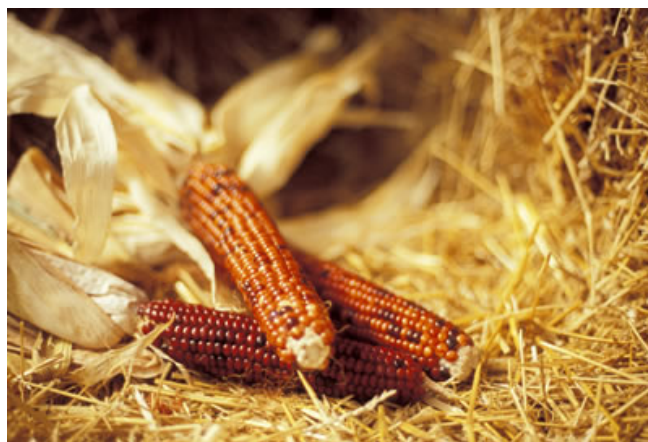
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Thank you for reading this July newsletter. I truly hope you enjoyed it and gained valuable information from it. Feel free to pass it along!



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#### Organize Tip:

Pantry organization will work the best when you group like items with like items, placing the most used items on the shelf or shelves that are most level to you.

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#### Scrapbook Tip:

Think that organizing your photos by the years is the smartest thing to do? Maybe not. For some, organizing photos by themes makes the most sense. Examples are birthdays, holidays, vacations, child, pet, family members or sports.

**Comments**

## Happy Organizing and Happy Scrapping!

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