

**A couple of notes about my camping list (we have a 2000 Coleman Bayside):**

- This is my camping list for packing with 2 dogs, a newborn and a 20-month old. It evolves every year so I save it with a new name and that year's change in case I, God Forbid, have an "accident" and need to start packing with a newborn again. I was asked about packing for a newborn and 20-month old and, since they need the most "stuff", I thought this might be the best one to post for all to see.
- Sure, it looks like I bring a lot of "stuff" but I am always prepared. Most of it just stays in the PU.
- So many campgrounds ask for Rabies Vaccinations nowadays, so I make sure I have them in the Medical Kit and in the glove compartment of the truck in case the medical kit is not packed in a handy place.
- I know the toaster oven seems like an un-camperish thing to bring, but it has saved our dinner-sanity several times with the kids. It fits nicely in the door of the dinette seat when not in use.
- I put a clean towel down between my swing-down galley and my floor. It lessens the mark left by the galley on the linoleum and makes it easier to wash away each year.
- My husband bought me a pair of tealight candleholders that I just love. They look really nice on the table in my screen room at night, but mainly, they work nicely for soft lighting when you are playing cards in the screen room at night while the kids are sleeping. They were originally for citronella tealight candles but I don't need the citronella in the screen room. You can buy cheap tealights in bulk most anywhere.
- The most important set-up lesson we have learned is to ensure that the lantern is near the door. Most of the time, we arrive during daylight hours in order to set up but we were totally unprepared for the first time we needed to set up in the dark. Good thing the kids had their own froggy and tiger flashlights packed in their clothes drawers (see below). They came in real handy even though they roared and "ribbited" every time we touched them!
- I also carry a box of sandwich bags for dog walking. I have even camped at some campgrounds where the owners have stopped us to make sure we have something with which to clean up after our dogs. A whole box is definitely unnecessary for my two dogs but I would rather have extra than run out.

**Kids**

- My infant slept in a Fisher Price activity dome during his first camping season (until 5 months old). We put it on the center of the bunk-end with a couch cushion between it and the edge of the bunk. There was one of those curve-sided sleeper things inside to keep the baby from rolling (my kids were late rollers and crawlers.)
- My baby/toddler slept on the floor of the dinette until he was about 2ish because our play yard was 3 inches too big to fit in between the dinette seats. I took out the table, placed the pad from the play yard on the floor with a fitted playpen sheet and put a baby gate between the dinette seats. We later modified this by strapping a card chair to the end using bungee cords attached to the doors of the dinette seats. It's not meant to be childproof it's just meant to keep him from rolling out in the middle of the night. He is covered with a fleece "sleeping bag" blanket that we bought at Wal-Mart.
- We also used a keychain thermometer to hang on the bungee near the floor so that we could keep track of the floor temperature at night. Our first year of camping saw nighttime temperatures rarely stray from the high 40's to low 50's. Never thought I would say this with a pop-up but, Thank God for that heater!
- The card chairs are also key for strapping a folding booster seat onto. My kids are incapable of eating at a table while unrestrained, but strapping them onto a metal folding lawn chair is a recipe for disaster with a toddler. Plus, I already have the dinette table outside in my screen room so the card chairs are easier for the kids and take up less room than big lawn chairs. Putting the campground picnic tables in our Add-A-Room took up too much space.
- Feeding the Children: GOD BLESS Kraft and Ragu for coming up with child-size individual packages of food for the kids. So what if they are for the microwave, just boil the noodles in a pot!
- I am also packing a box of about 50 cars that will just stay in the camper. These will be the play-in-the-dirt-no-one-cares-if-they-get-lost cars. This can also work for girls too: just buy some cheap dolls or even Barbies at a yard sale and some cheap little clothes. They stay in the camper and it will not be the end of the world if they get ruined because they aren't the "good" toys.

- Once the boys were both old enough to sleep on the bunk end, I bought two small “travel pillows” at a local fabric store. I also bought matching zippered covers for them. These are for the kids and remain in the camper.

### Space

- The “Medical Kit” items all fit into a “Sterlite” box that is about 10” x 6”. I keep it in my kitchen year-round so it is handy with two boys. (!) It is “usually” packed in the car and then placed inside the camper in the cabinet under the sofa seat closest to the door.
- I freeze water in a flat half-gallon milk jug (Garelick Farms produces these for “Fit-milk”) to use in the cooler, which I always pre-cool with ice cubes from home.
- Tropicana just started producing 4-packs of plastic juice containers, which you can refill from your gallon jug at home. They are easier to store in your refrigerator than a half-gallon or quart bottle.
- All of the “Items To Pack” under COOKING fit into a large plastic drawer we bought at Wal-Mart. (The cooler holds the beer and wine and the ice containers are empty milk bottles with frozen drinking water inside.) The coffee is ground into small Tupperware containers that contain enough for 1 pot each. The drawers are stackable which makes it very easy to pack it on the floor space of the camper along with drawers to hold clothes for both my boys. The food drawer is placed on the large shelf surface behind the dinette seat and the boys clothes drawers fit nicely on top of the shelf above the heater which adds height to the shelf so that anything we place on the drawers is out of the kids’ reach (like the cell phone and the car keys with the “alarm” button). See below for more on the container of baby stuff. When I unpack at home, the boys’ clothing drawers stay semi-packed in the corner of their room. The food drawer stays semi-packed in my dining room throughout the camping season.
- I use a small plastic box with a latch and handle that holds two small, round containers for laundry detergent. It also holds my Bounce sheets. This was key for carrying back and forth to the bathroom to wash out underwear and pants while pottytraining my oldest son.
- On the KIDS’ list, the first 11 items were kept in a plastic container (appx. 8” x 12” and 8” deep) that stayed mostly packed for the summer. I used a plastic container and old formula scoop to carry enough formula mix plus 3 bottles. I tried keeping the plastic liners in a plastic bag to keep them clean but the kept getting crushed by other stuff. I then used an old 4 oz. Playtex Liners box and stuffed one side with 4 oz. Liners and one side with 8 oz. Liners. Worked fine. The container fits nicely out of the way on the shelf next to the stove.
- I also used the same size plastic container to hold the diapers, the wipes and the plastic ziplock bags (for attempting to contain the more odiferous diapers). Everything together in one spot in the camper. I got tired of moving the diaper bag from surface to surface in the camper. Looking forward to getting rid of this one soon. (!)
- Our sleeping bags are stored on both of the bunk ends when it is closed. We cannot leave it completely on our end when the pop-up is closed because the extra canvas from the dinette slide-out and kitchen pop-out use much of the room on that bed. So, we move the sleeping bag to the opposite end, fold the sleeping bag in half, push both beds in and then spread the sleeping bag across the ends of both beds while standing in the doorway. It means we have to move it to our bed once the pop-up is open but that’s okay. My son’s sleeping bag is stored on top of the sofa cushions under the dinette table.
- I keep very little of daily necessity in the dinette bins. We store the toaster oven, the fold-up camp chairs and tables there along with some extra beach towels and some super-large bowls on one side. The other side holds a couple of toddler-friendly games and some rain ponchos along with a milk crate of extra rope, tealight candles and plastic shopping bags. Last year, I bought a laundry bag that folds over a plastic oval frame and is held tight by a drawstring. This worked great in the extra space in the right-hand dinette bin for holding laundry. Just need to figure out how to attach the frame temporarily to the opening so it stays accessible.
- I love my little swing-down vanity shelf. In addition to holding the roll of paper towel, we use it to hold toothbrush bags and medicines since the kids can’t reach it. And the flyswatter hangs on the wingnut for the paper towel holder so as to be easily accessible from outside.

- We use the one big drawer in the camper for rolled up bath towels and beach towels. I tried using it for the kids' clothes but it just didn't work for me. If the towels are not drying on the line outside the camper, then they are rolled up and in the drawer.
- My broom is a narrow one and I store it with the clip-on dustpan in the trunk doors under the bunk end in front of our porta-potty (we haven't used this yet as my son still wears a diaper to bed at night).
- We used to use the luggage bag that came with our camper to hold both my husband's and my clothing for the week. Unfortunately, we became so good at stuffing every little pocket, that the clips to attach it to the ceiling ripped within the first year. We now just roll it up and place it at the end of our bed. I am not happy with this arrangement since it involves folding and unfolding to access the clothing but I am reluctant to add another container to the camper since the ones we have so far seem very unobtrusive.
- When I saw the new space saver galley shelf at the 2003 camping show (we have one for the bunk end), I loved it so much my husband bought one for me. Most of my spice stuff fit under the sink but it is handy for storing the Aim-N-Flame, extra sippy cups, salt and pepper, sugar and such (like the BBQ skewers that my sons just discovered and think they are for swordfights).
- I have a couple of double-sided hooks that I got from my sister that really come in handy. They loop over the canvas support rods (I know, I know, you are not supposed to hang anything from these) and have two hooks for holding such things as drying dish towels and damp clothing. (If I am not explaining this right, picture an anchor split in half.) I think they are bathroom hooks or shower hooks.
- My two pillows that stay in the camper just get stuffed into a little storage space in the corner of the shelf next to the sofa along with our fan.
- We opted for the Coleman PU model without the potty because I wanted more cabinet space. We got a portable potty from Sears that is tall enough so that we adults do not feel like we are squatting on the floor but it also just fits through the doors that open into the trunk. When traveling, it fits right in front of the heater with the trash bucket.
- The trunk holds an inflatable baby water float, some outdoor-grasslike carpeting (for the add-a-room), the gray water tank and it's hose, toolbox, card-table chairs, wood for leveling, a small step-stool, Add-A Room, tabletop grill and propane, dog poop shovel, crank handle, folding shovel, extension cord, broom and dustpan, level and 1 bottlejack.

**LIGHTING**

Items to Pack	Items in Camper
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maglights (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Bulbs <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Lantern <input type="checkbox"/> Aim-N-Flame <input type="checkbox"/> Extension Cord <input type="checkbox"/> Citronella Candles <input type="checkbox"/> Table Candles and Tealight Candles <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper (tote bag) <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> FireStarters (E-Z Charc/wood firestarters)

**TOOLS**

Items to Pack	Items in Camper
	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Shovel <input type="checkbox"/> Water Pressure Regulator <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Tool (like a Leatherman – Wal-mart)

- Adjustable Wrench
- Nails
- Bungee Cords – Extra
- Fishing Line
- Snap-On Instant Grommets
- Duct/Electrical Tape
- Masking Tape
- Spare Fuses
- Spare Bulbs (flashlight)
- Metal Hammer
- Rubber Hammer
- Chocks
- 4-5 Blocks of Wood for Tires
- Grey Water Tank
- Water Hoses (Short and Long)
- Towel for wiping off hose/electrical cord (gets stuffed into electrical cord cabinet)
- Propane Tanks – Filled?

**CAMPING MORNING PACKING**

Items to Pack

Items in Camper

- Pillows (2 – N and an extra for me)
- Pillow Cases (Boys)
- Medical Kit
- Dog Dishes (Food and Water)
- Dog Food Measuring Cup
- Dog Bed
- Water Jug
- Cooler
- Refrigerator
- C's Polar Bear and Monkey
- C's Blanket
- C's Travel Bink
- C's 2 Bed Binks
- N's Ginman
- N's Spoons and Fork
- Boys' Ditty Bag (soap and toothbrushes)
- Boys' Juice/Milk Cups
- Boys' Booster Seats
- Boys' Hats
- Boys' Jackets
- Boys' Shoes
- T's Sneakers
- T's Hair Brush
- T's Hair Dryer
- Adult Medications
- M's Razor

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> My Water Container</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Phone Cord/Charger</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Change Fridge to Battery</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Turn Fridge to "5"</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pack Extension Cord</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pack Chocks</li> </ul> |  |
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**SHELTER AND BEDDING**

Items to Pack

Items in Camper

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pillow Cases</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bags (2)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tent Stakes (metal spike-style from Wal-Mart)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Stake Puller</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Baby Gate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fleece Blanket Sleeping Bag (Wal-Mart)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 4 Beach Towels</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 4 Bath Towels</li> </ul> |
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**MEDICAL KIT**

Items to Pack

Items in Camper

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dog's Carprofen</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Medex (lip)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Neutrogena</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Wipes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Neosporin</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sudafed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Scissors</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Benedryl</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Advil</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Adult Tylenol</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Children's Tylenol</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Children's Motrin</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ipecac Syrup</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tums</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Poison Ivy Medicine</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tweezers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Matches</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Band-Aids</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ace Bandages</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Gauze Bandages</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Thermometer</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Orajel</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bacitracin</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Medical Tape</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Medicine Dropper/Spoon</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Children's Nail Clippers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Dogs' Rabies Vaccination</li> </ul> |  |
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COOKING

## Items to Pack

- Coffee
- Chocolate Milk Mix
- Sugar
- PAM
- Straws
- 1 Vegetable Crackers
- Teddies (bag)
- Graham Crackers
- Peanut Butter
- Grapenuts
- Cheerios
- 6 Oatmeal Packages
- 6 Granola Bars
- 6 Nutragrain Bars
- 2 Mac-N-Cheese Pkgs (Easy Mac)
- 4 Pasta Sauce Pkgs (Ragu to Go)
- Ziti
- Can Goods – sl. Potatoes, TAK, Bkd Beans, Green Beans & Peas (lg/sm), mini olives
  
- BREAD CONTAINER**
- Marshmallows
- Chips
- 2 Sub Rolls
- Bread (10 slices)
- Pkg. Plain Bagels
  
- COOLER**
- 1 Powerade
- 6 Coke
- 6 Sprite or Root Beer
- 1 Juicy Juice
- Beer
- Wine
- Ice Containers

## Items in Camper

- Seasonings (onion/gar. Pwdr, Molly)
- Dish Liquid
- Plates/Bowls
- Mugs
- Paper Plates, cups, napkins, bowls
- Tea Bags
- Trash Bags/Zip Lock Bags
- Scrub Pads/ Sponges/ SOS Pad
- Salt/Pepper
- Butter Dish (Leftovers)
- 2 Tupperware Containers (Leftovers)
- Paper Towels
- Hot Chocolate Packages
- Heavy Aluminum Foil/Plastic Wrap
- Picnic Set
- Fry Pans (2)
- Sauce Pans (2)
- Spatulas (1 plastic, 1 metal)
  
- Plastic Slotted Spoons
- Cooking Skewers
- Colander
- Percolator
- Measuring Cup (large)
- Tongs
- Big Fork
- Can Opener
- BBQ Brush/Potato Brush/Veg. Peeler
- Wine/Bottle Opener
- Whisk
- Kitchen Knives (& Pampered Chef Knife)
- Silverware
- Chip Clips
- Measuring Cups/Spoons
- Plastic Utensils
- Twist Ties
- Pot Holders/Oven Mitts
- Dish Towels (4)
- Tablecloth/Clips
- Toaster Oven
- Shaw's Bags
- Trash Can
- Grill and Grill Brush
- Propane

REFRIGERATOR

Items to Pack

Items in Camper

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Butter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3 Gogurt</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cream Cheese</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Eggs (8-pack)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Oscar Meyer Center Cut Bacon</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Jelly (Grape and Strawb.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ketchup</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Relish</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mustard</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Bars</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sandwich Pickles</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Pulp OJ Bottles (New indiv. Tropicana Bottles are great to use and refill)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 No-Pulp OJ Bottles (New indiv. Tropicana Bottles are great to use and refill)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> ½ Gal. 2% Milk</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cold Cuts</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> C's Formula (pre-mixed container)</li>   <li><b>Dinners:</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Hamburgers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Hamburger Rolls</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Slices Cheese</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Hot Dogs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Shell Sirloin</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Salad</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Tomatoes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Dressings</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Croutons</li> </ul>	
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MISCELLANEOUS

## Items to Pack

- Dog Leashes
- Dog Collars
- Dog Brush
- Dog Food Containers
- Plastic Sandwich Bags (Dog Scooping)
- Quarters For Showers/Tolls (kept in old film container)
- Lawn Chairs
- Folding Chairs (card chairs for outdoors and baby sleeping area)
- Games
- Books/magazines
- Golf Clubs (spouse keeps thinking this will happen...)
- Camera and Film
- Camcorder (charged battery & extra tape)
- Binoculars
  
- Water Shoes (for N & T)
- Picnic Bag (rest area/day trips)
- Walkie-Talkies
- Golf Umbrella
  
- Beach Bag (w/beach toys/sunscreen)
- Beach Umbrella & Sand Holder
  
- Bug Spray
  
- N's Cards
- State Camping Brochures Bag
- Rabies Vaccination Copies in Glove Box
- Extra Keys in Glove Box

## Items in Camper

- Paper and Pens
- Clothespins and Clothesline
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Radio
- 2 Baseball Caps
- Sewing Kit
  
- Laundry Bag
- Cards
  
- Flyswatter
- Outlet Plugs (Child Safety)
- Dust Pan and Broom
  
- Potty Chemicals
- Toilet Paper
- PortaPotti (our Sears model slides perfectly into the trunk through the bunk-end doors)
- Potty Seat
- Beach Blanket- In Truck
- Shower Shoes
- Glass Cleaner (all surfaces are always gritty after traveling)
- Old Towels (goes under swing-down sink)
- Sm. Folding Table for Fireside (like those canvas folding chairs-Walmart)
- Outdoor Mat (that cheap outdoor rug/grass stuff for inside the screen room – keeps the dogs a bit cleaner. Kids too.)
- Rope (extra)
- Table Fan
- Tissues
- Napkin Holder
- Night Light
- Dog Toys
- Dog Cookies
- Shout
- Dreft and Whisk
- Bounce Sheets
- Temperature Keychain
- Cribbage Set
- Folding Loveseat, Kids Chairs and Table

**BOYS' CLOTHING**

Items to Pack

Items in Camper

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> N - 1 Sweatshirt</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Jeans</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 Extra Socks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Shorts</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 T-shirts</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pajamas (1 lite, 1 heavy)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 Sandals</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Beach Shirts</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bag of Rain gear</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fleece pajamas – N</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fleece Pants – N</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Swim Diapers</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> C: 2 Shortsleeve Outfits</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Longsleeve Outfits</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Pajamas (1 lite, 1 heavy)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 T-Shirt</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 Hat (Extra for Beach)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3 Socks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Knit Baby Bag (great for cool nites)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 Blanket (Extra)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Curved Side Sleeper</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Bink Strings</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sneakers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Activity Dome (For Sleeping-Fisher Price)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>	

KIDS MISCELLANEOUS

Items to Pack	Items in Camper
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> C's Formula Mix</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> C's Bottles</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> C's Mylecon</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> C's Liners</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> C's Bibs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> N's Bib</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Facecloths</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> N's Fluoride</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> C's Nipple Brush</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> C's Pooh Rattle</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Boys' Sunglasses</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Teddy Bear and Books</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bedtime Stories</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 Box Wipes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> N - 15 Diapers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cs - 16 Diapers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Play Pen Pad and Sheet</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> N's Toys</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> N's Flashlight</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> N's Float (water float)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> C's Sun Hut (for the beach)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> N's Beach Chair</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> C's Pooh Rattle</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Snugli</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Combi Stroller</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Stroller Net (DO NOT Forget This!)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Booster Seat</li> </ul>	