

## Tips to Save Up Money for Your Trip

by Staci

I want to apologize in advance because I don't write much. I have some tips to share with the Disneyzone people. Some ways to help people save up money to pay for their vacations.

My favorite way is one I read about on a Disney website that I have used successfully. You can easily do this and save up \$20-40 per month. Put an envelope in your purse. Everytime you write a check for groceries or purchases at places that let you get cash back, round up to the nearest \$10 increment. For example. If your bill is \$31.45, write the check for \$40.00. You will get \$8.55 back. Put that in your envelope and go on with your day. This money will never be missed and will add up quickly. I empty out my envelope every couple weeks and deposit it into my savings account.

Another way to get some money is to take some of your gently used clothes to a second hand

consignment store. They will usually take most kids clothes, and adult clothes in almost new condition. You drop off the clothes, fill out a form, and they sell your items for you and you get a percentage. I take things every few months and usually pick up a check for \$30-\$40.

Another thing I do is very easy, when I deposit my husbands check every other week, \$50 of it goes directly into our savings account. This is a savings account just for Disney. I like to get the statements and see how its grown. You would be surprised how quickly this adds up.

My kids collect recyclables from neighbors and we take them to the recycling center. This takes some effort, but it is worthwhile. I get the kids Disney dollars from the disney store for the amount

they get from the recycling center.

We have a large plastic water container that we throw in all our extra change. We have done this for years and this money really adds up. My husband contributes probably a dollar a day to the container. We all go through our pockets and whatever we find goes into the container. You will find it very easy to save up this way. We have a family night to count and roll the coins. We sit and have popcorn, chat and roll it up. We like to try to guess how much we have, and somethings like that. For instance last year we saved up about \$380 in our container.

These ideas may not sound like much but they do help a lot. You can save up quite a bit this way.

### Visit the Message Boards!

The boards are one of the most popular places on DZ. You can post questions/answers and advice. Or just hang around and make some new Friends!

Newsletter and content are copyright 1999-2003. Please do not alter, or copy any or all of this material, or use on a website, or in printed media without prior written permission from DZ - Disneyzone and/or the article's author.

### Please note:

Disneyzone (DZ) is not affiliated with Disney in any way. We are a group of Disney enthusiasts who want to help you in making your next Disney

## Early Entry

Don't forget to take advantage of Early Entry privileges for Disney resort guests!

It's a great way to get in some park time prior to scheduled park opening times. You can get quite a bit done in that time!

The schedule is as follows:

**Sunday** - Magic Kingdom

**Monday** - Animal Kingdom

**Tuesday** - MGM

**Wednesday** - Epcot

**Thursday** - Magic Kingdom

**Friday** - Animal Kingdom

**Saturday** - MGM

Pass the Good News Around to all your Disney friends!

## Always Learn Something New

I am 23 and have been to WDW and stayed in the Disney Resorts many times. Most of the trips I was with my parents in which we drove from Mobile to Orlando. When I visited in 2000, me and my friend Michelle flew to Orlando. We chose to fly because we were going over Labor Day weekend and our time was limited. We took the MEARS bus from the airport to the resort, which was very convenient. We had hoped to be able to check-in early and go to the parks. When we arrived, we were told our room was not ready we would have to wait. We were a little disappointed

but decided to go over to the gift shop and wait the 3 hours until check-in. On our way across the lobby, a cast member stopped us and gave us some really helpful advice. He let us know that we could leave our luggage with guest services and they would put it in our room when it was ready and we could go ahead to the parks. I thought because I had been to DW so many times that I knew almost everything possible. But I was wrong! We were very grateful for the CM to let us on to a little of his knowledge.

Hilliary -Mobile, Alabama

## A Few Restaurant Reviews

**Olivias, by Lise**

My family has been members of the DVC for many years and this restaurant is, in my opinion, practically the best place to eat in all of Orlando.

The atmosphere is wonderful- it's so cheerful and relaxed!

The food was great too. The only complaint I have is that the service was a little slow and the prices are a little high. I love eating here and come here for as many meals as possible while in Disney World, Orlando.

PS- The entire staff of the Old Key West Resort is wonderful! They're very helpful!!

**Crystal Palace, by Dana**

The Food selection was wonderful....plenty for my 6yr old picky eater to choose from. We were waited on promptly and our server never rushed us and checked back frequently to see if we were ok. The characters were great with my daughter. They each spent enough time with her to make her feel special even though the crowd was huge! (what do you expect for Eater time)

**California Grill, by Shelly**

We had to wait a bit for our table - and we had late reservations, so we were

very hungry when we were finally seated. But, we were treated to the Wine Room - a little room with approx. 10 tables - quieter than the main dining room.

Our waiter was spectacular. Our dinners were magnificent! Our children are 15, 13, 13, and 7 - they LOVED the food as well and they were treated as welcomed guests at this elegant site. IF you are on a meal plan - careful - this restaurant takes one extra meal "ticket" per person. Read the details of your plan carefully. You will not be disappointed. Not with the appetizers to dinner to dessert! And the sushi chef is an expert!

## Souvenir Ideas

by Pam.

You don't have to spend a fortune on souvenirs. I have been to Disney World several times on a very limited budget and have managed to always have a nice selection of memorable souvenirs for everyone. I am a single mom of 3.

Everyone knows that pins are great things to collect. They are cheap, easy to carry, and usually everyone can find one they want. These are always a good souvenir. I usually let my children pick 3 pins a trip. We don't do the trading, but I know many enjoy that.

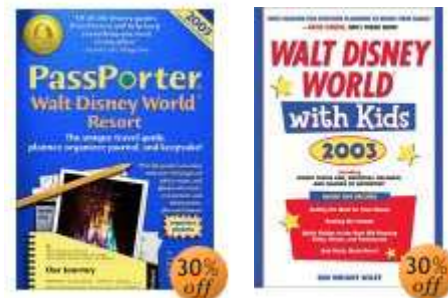
We buy a hat to put the pins on. So each of us spends the first couple days at the hat stands, stores, wherever to find our favorite hat. My daughter always gets a pink hat of some sort, my oldest boy tries to find a character playing some sort of sport, and my little guy just wants Mickey on it!

We also find that keychains make good inexpensive souvenirs. We buy one each, the kids search high and low for the perfect one! You'd be surprised how many different styles you'll find if you really look for them!

There are these machines scattered around the parks, hotels, and other Disney areas that make pressed pennies. These are the least expensive souvenirs I can think of. My children are allowed one per day. We have a great time trying to find the machines. It costs 2 quarters and one penny for each.

I also usually let the kids each get a small stuffed beanie. These are pals that spend lots of time with my kids. They are drug around the house, taken in the car, and hold lots of memories for my kids. I think of all the souvenirs, the stuffed characters that they buy are their favorites. Some people buy the big ones, but they are really too big to carry around. My kids think of them as a friend they found at Disneyworld that they have brought home with them.

So you see, I have spent maybe \$30 on each kid and they have a great selection of items that we spent time searching for, choosing, and things that meant something to us. You don't have to spend tons of money to bring home great souvenirs!



Did you know that DZ is an Amazon.com affiliate? What that means is that by using any link on our site to Amazon.com to make your guidebook (or any) purchase, DZ gets a small commission. It's not a lot, but every little bit helps! Please visit the site at [www.disneyzone.net/guidebooks.htm](http://www.disneyzone.net/guidebooks.htm) - clicking to Amazon.com through any of the links will help DZ :) Thanks!

## Photos!

by Larry D.

I am one of those people who tends to take way more photos than necessary. I love taking photos of my family, of the sites we see, just about anything. My wife came up with a great way to use them. We bought a large piece of wood. I sanded the edges and we made a collage from our past 3 Disney trips on this large piece of wood. I cut up the photos to add interest and my wife added some stickers and other odd souvenirs we brought back with us. We now have a Disney table in the playroom. We used square plastic storage cubes underneath it to hold it up. It's a great conversation piece as well as a great piece of memorabilia for us!

All articles in this issue were submitted by DZ visitors who entered our latest contest. We are proud to be able to publish their articles in the newsletter. There are still several more, so look for them in the next few months!

## Tell your friends about Disneyzone!

They can get their own copy of the DZ News emailed to them each month. All they have to do is go to the site and register. They will automatically be put on the list. If you would rather, you may print it out or just forward it!

## DZ - The FRIENDLY Place for Disney World Info and Advice!

### DZ Kids

by Alexander, age 4  
Why is it so long till we go to Disneyworld? We goed last time and it was fun. I goed on dumbo and I goed on some scary rides, too. I will have my birday at Disneyworld. I want to have Duck come to my birday party. I want to have Stitch to come too. I want to have cake and candy and icees there. My toys in my hotel room play on the bed when we go to Disneyworld. I think it is funny when I come to take a nap and they played. I love Disneyworld. I love to have cake and I love to have balloons at Disneyworld. I will go when I am 5 Mickey thinks I am a good boy.

Dictated to mommy on June 21, 2003.

\*Note: we are planning to go for his 5th birthday. Can you tell?

### Contests...

DZ has FREE contests going on. Someone just won a pair of tickets to see the Arabian Nights Dinner show, compliments of Billy Boys Discount Disney Tickets. A new contest will start soon! Keep checking the contest page!

Contest Page:

[www.disneyzone.net/contest.htm](http://www.disneyzone.net/contest.htm)

- play and you could win a cool prize!

If you would like to donate a prize, please contact us! [prizes@disneyzone.net](mailto:prizes@disneyzone.net) - You get some advertising on the site in exchange for your donation!

### Advertising

The next page of the newsletter offers ads from various companies. DZ offers very reasonable rates for advertisers. Reach thousands of Disney World fans via the DZ News!

#### Current Rates:

20 words or less - \$25/month

21-40 words \$35/month

41-70 words \$50/month

One phone number OR a website address included and not included in word count. Interested? Please email us at [advertising@disneyzone.net](mailto:advertising@disneyzone.net)

### Happy Birthday to . . .

Stu, Kayla:7, Tommy:3, Shannon:7, Maria, Sean, Chris, Magnus:32, Mario:6, Katie:10, Eva, Colleen:42, Carmela:75, Deb, Taylor:6, Mikey, Madison:3, Chris:15, Sharon, Dominick:5, Mark, Joseph, Patrice, Audra, Daniel, Jake:5, Jared:5, Andrew:14, Amy:12, Lynda, Miranda:8, Vince, Paul, Bob, Phyllis, Cody:4, Rachel:14.

To have birthdays listed, please send an email to [birthdays@disneyzone.net](mailto:birthdays@disneyzone.net)

Ages are optional!



# DZ CLASSIFIEDS!

Please visit the Advertisers below, and let them know you saw their ad in the DZ News! If you are interested in advertising, please email us at [advertising@disneyzone.net](mailto:advertising@disneyzone.net) for details! Rates are very affordable!

## Travel Agents/Companies

**MouseEarVacations.com** Where the Magic Begins! Concierge Style Service - No Extra Charge!

Get \$150 Disney Dollars w/ 4 night Summer Disneyland Resort Hotel Stay!  
Book your Disney Cruise Vacation by Aug 15 & get 2 FREE holiday ornaments!

Visit [www.MouseEarVacations.com](http://www.MouseEarVacations.com)

A division of Cruising Co Etc

Free online quotes or call toll free:

**800-886-8601** to request that a certified Disney specialist contact you.

## Automotive

**AutoWraps.com** the first company to pay the general public to wrap their cars in advertising and participate in promotions. You can earn **\$100-\$3200** per month. Visit the site today for details.

## Gift Ideas

### Beckett Sports Cards

Online marketplace for trading cards, including price guides, card grading, auctions, and hobby publications. Order their magazine, or collectible cards guide books.

[www.beckett.com](http://www.beckett.com)

### Italian Sterling Silver Charm Bracelets

Large variety of authentic italian charms, you can design your own personalized bracelet. Great selection and great prices!

[www.anniescharmclose.com](http://www.anniescharmclose.com)

## Towncar/Limo Services

Dear Disney Traveler:

My name is Marlies Bredel, President of **Selective Limousine**. We are a women owned transportation company established in 1993. Our main objective is to provide excellent customer service.

Our fleet consists of Towncars, Vans, Limousines and Minibuses. All Transportation include children's name on a welcome sign.

We offer a special appearance by Mickey (stuffed) in our Limousines along with movies and refreshments.

Call us at **(800)730-0211** or at our website [www>SelectiveLimo.com](http://www.SelectiveLimo.com)

Sincerely,  
Marlies Bredel

## Radio Stations

**KMIN980** is an oldies radio station that broadcasts LIVE on the internet. Live from New Mexico's finest Oldies station! Not the same old songs over and over. Come listen to our Sound Souvenirs while you are surfing on DZ!  
[www.kmin980.com](http://www.kmin980.com)

## Internet Services

**Need a secure place to host your site?**

ACT USA offers many services to the online community. Site and email hosting, server co-location & more!

[www.actusa.net](http://www.actusa.net)