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### **Families benefit from RV vacations**

OKEMOS, Mich.— If you are looking for an economical, family-friendly, relaxed and educational vacation, consider camping in an RV.

According to the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association's *RV Consumer Demographic Profile*, nearly nine percent of American households own an RV, while 21 percent stating they will be purchasing an RV in the immediate future.

Recreation vehicles (RVs) offer a fun and affordable way to vacation with the entire family. A vacation, with just a family of four, can become quite expensive. Costs quickly add up; they include: transportation, lodging and food—let's not forget the entertainment. Amusement park tickets, museum admission, historic tours and boat rentals all add to vacation expenses.

An RV combines transportation, lodging and a restaurant all in one. Depending on the type, RVs can come fully equipped with state-of-the-art kitchens, bathrooms, central air and heat, king-size beds, entertainment systems and more—allowing you to bring all the comforts of home with you when you travel. Many RVs provide kid-friendly areas with bunk beds, separate bathrooms, extra storage and additional entertainment systems.

The most recent vacation cost comparison study by PKF Consulting showed 89 percent of RV owners reported savings of at least 10 percent when traveling by recreation vehicle, with most acknowledging a savings of 25 percent or more.

Consider campgrounds as your own personal outdoor amusement park with swimming pools, playgrounds, game rooms, boating, fishing, nature trails, planned activities and more! The best part is, families aren't confined within four walls. There are nearly 1,100 private campgrounds in Michigan, located near popular destinations, along major tourist routes and even in metropolitan areas. A few are open year-round for families to experience Michigan splendor during all seasons. To find a year-round campground, go to [www.michiganrvandcampgrounds.org](http://www.michiganrvandcampgrounds.org).

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) is a statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging growth in the recreation vehicle and private campground industries while contributing to the quality of Michigan tourism. For more information, visit MARVAC's website, [michiganrvandcampgrounds.org](http://michiganrvandcampgrounds.org). MARVAC, 2222 Association Drive, Okemos, Mich. 48864-5978; 517.349.8881.

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