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THE PERCENTAGE OF COOKIEMAG.COM POLL RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEIR FAMILIES CRAVE THE BEAUTY AND QUIET OF THE WOODS. FIFTY-FIVE PERCENT ALSO SAY THEY LIKE TO GO ON HIKES AS A FAMILY.

(destination: the great outdoors)

# INTO THE WILD

IF YOUR SUMMER FANTASIES TEND TO BE *TOM SAWYER*-ESQUE—fly-fishing in rumbling creeks, catching fireflies, shinnying up trees—look into the consolidated travel website [Rusticvacations.com](http://Rusticvacations.com). Specializing in nature-centric jaunts, it recommends dozens of sprawling ranches, quaint cabins, and backcountry resorts that will appeal to future park rangers and, of course, skyscraper-

imprisoned parents: Ride horses at Abbott Valley Homestead, in Montana (shown); milk Boer goats at Blue Heron Farm, in western Massachusetts; kayak Nootka Sound at the Strathcona Park Lodge, in British Columbia. There are plenty of options, and the room fees at some spots are as low as \$60 a night—perfect for that last hurrah before school starts. —Julie Alvin



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## PACKING LIST

### NATURE'S NECESSITIES

Ready to get out there? Try out some of our favorite stylish and smart accessories for your family's outdoor adventures. —SE

#### TO SPOT BIRDS

It's also a camera. *Image View Roof Prism binoculars, \$150, Bushnell, amazon.com.*



#### TO WARM FEET

They're fleece-lined, and the top unfolds. *Kids' cardies in dusty rose, \$100, uggaustralia.com.*



#### TO AVOID BUGS

A scarf with a natural repellent. *Fabric sheet, \$20 for a 22-by-22-inch square, enguardrepel.com.*



#### TO LUG IT ALL

The paraffin-treated cotton twill repels water. *Sportsman bag, \$255, fitson.com.*

