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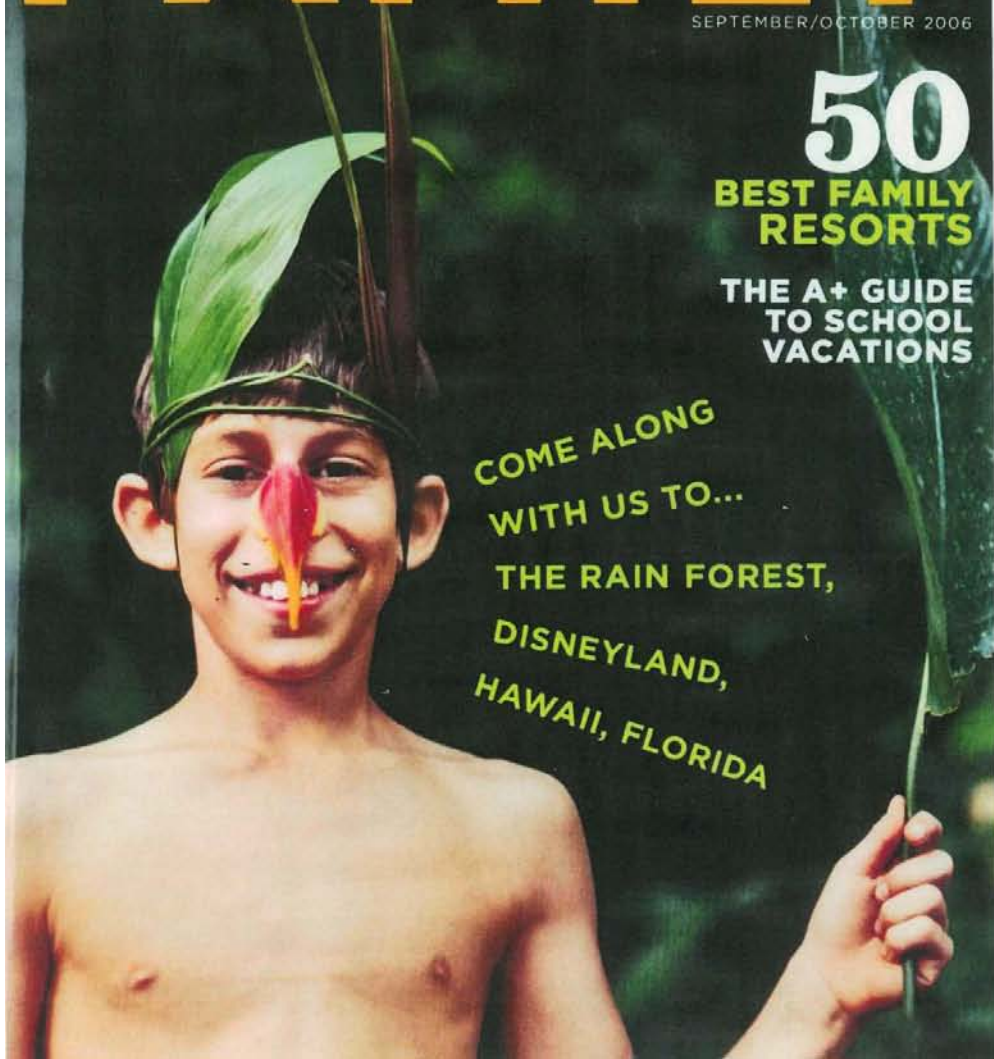
FAMILY

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50 BEST FAMILY RESORTS

THE A+ GUIDE TO SCHOOL VACATIONS

COME ALONG
WITH US TO...
THE RAIN FOREST,
DISNEYLAND,
HAWAII, FLORIDA



MEMORIAL DAY

Vacation Duration

Three days

Your Assignment **Brush up on your summer skills**

You'll get no guff for enrolling the family in these tutorials.

RESORT CLASSES THAT READY YOU FOR THE SEASON AHEAD

The Somerset on Grace Bay Providenciales, Turks and Caicos

Guests at this new 54-suite resort can fine-tune their shoveling and sculpting skills by enrolling in Sandcastle University, taught on the ivory sands of Grace Bay Beach; come nightfall, everyone heads to the Lookout Tower, where there's a high-powered telescope for stargazing. 649/946-5900; thesomerset.com; suites from \$700.

EXTRA CREDIT Put Yourself Out to Pasture

Springtime on a farm means baby lambs and piglets. Search for places to make hay at agrivacation Web sites such as mainefarmvacation.com, pafarmstay.com, and vtfarms.org.

Pinehurst Resort

Pinehurst, North Carolina

Tee it up at this legendary golf resort. The Family Fairways program includes a one-hour beginner or refresher clinic along with free club rental, unlimited range use, and family tee times after 5 p.m. \$800/487-4653; pinehurst.com; doubles from \$300; Family Fairways program, \$175.

Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa Huntington Beach, California

Learn to hang ten at this 517-room Spanish-style oceanfront spread. The resort's Surf City USA program offers semi-private family wave-riding lessons, taught by in-house Toes on the Nose surf pros. \$120 per person for two hours. 714/698-1234; huntingtonbeach.hyatt.com; doubles from \$265. ♦

FOOTNOTE VACATION DAYS AROUND THE WORLD

In the U.S., where the school year runs 180 days, kids have about 30 off. Here's how break time stacks up for other countries with comparable days of class time.

	DAYS OFF
TURKEY	17
HUNGARY	20
NEW ZEALAND	29
SWEDEN	34
FRANCE	43



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