

Family Packing & Prep Checklist — The Rally House

Everything to pack, buy on arrival, and do before day one in Scottsdale. Built for the one-day family itinerary — print it, tick it, and leave the guesswork at home.

Sun and heat

The desert sun is stronger than the temperature suggests. This is the section that actually matters.

- ☐ Reef-safe sunscreen, SPF 50+ — one bottle per adult, one for the pool bag
- ☐ Wide-brim hats or caps for every child
- ☐ Kids' sunglasses (bring a spare pair — one always disappears)
- ☐ Long-sleeve swim shirts / rash guards for pool hours
- ☐ Insulated water bottles for everyone, filled before you leave the house
- ☐ Lip balm with SPF and a small tube of aloe gel
- ☐ Electrolyte packets or freezer pops for after morning outings

Pool and backyard

The pool is heated and the court is private, so most of the trip happens out back.

- ☐ Two swimsuits per child so one is always dry
- ☐ Goggles, and a puddle jumper or life vest for non-swimmers
- ☐ Pool floats worth the suitcase space for a multi-day stay
- ☐ Quick-dry towels for outings (house towels stay at the house)
- ☐ Water shoes or flip-flops for hot decking
- ☐ Pickleball-friendly sneakers for the court

Little kids and babies

- ☐ Baby monitor if you're using the bunk room for naps while you're out back
- ☐ Travel crib sheets and a familiar sleep sack or blanket
- ☐ Stroller with a sun shade for the zoo and Old Town
- ☐ Carrier for trails and crowded attractions

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- ☐ Swim diapers, wipes, and a wet bag
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- ☐ White-noise machine or app — the house is quiet, but bedtime routines travel
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- ☐ Nightlight for the hallway

Downtime and drives

- ☐ Tablets, headphones, and downloaded shows for the drive from the airport
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- ☐ A card game or two for patio evenings
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- ☐ Coloring books and stickers for restaurant waits
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- ☐ One comfort toy per child, packed in a carry-on, not checked

Buy on arrival

There's a full-size grocery store under 10 minutes from the house — don't fly food in.

- ☐ Breakfast for the week: pancake mix, eggs, fruit, cereal, coffee
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- ☐ Sandwich fixings for lunches back at the house
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- ☐ Grill night: burgers, buns, corn, and a bag of ice
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- ☐ S'mores kit for the firepit — graham crackers, chocolate, marshmallows
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- ☐ Snacks for the morning outings and splash-pad stops
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- ☐ Sunscreen backup and a cheap cooler for day trips

Before you leave home

- ☐ Book the morning attraction tickets — zoo, aquarium, and Butterfly Wonderland sell timed entry
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- ☐ Check pool heating is on for your dates
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- ☐ Confirm car seats: rental-car seats book out, so reserve or bring your own
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- ☐ Download the one-day family itinerary PDF and share it with the other adults
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- ☐ Save the house address in everyone's phone: 14241 N 54th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85254
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- ☐ Set a family rule for the trip: outdoors before 11 a.m., pool after

Day-one prep at the house

- ☐ Stage a pool bag by the patio door: towels, sunscreen, goggles, water
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- ☐ Stage a go bag by the front door: hats, refilled bottles, snacks, wipes
 - ☐ Pick tomorrow's morning outing tonight so no one negotiates at breakfast
 - ☐ Set out breakfast on the island before bed for the 7 a.m. wake-up
 - ☐ Charge tablets and camera overnight
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