Title: Utah Weekend Getaways and More! By: Nani Bendixen

Taking advantage of Utah's geographic diversity and community attributes can be easy with the help of the Utah Valley Visitors Center, located at 111 South University Avenue in Provo. There are plenty of brochures, maps, and guides filled with an array of Utah activities and recreational opportunities for you and your family. Once you're aware of the many adventures surrounding you it'll be easy to plan those impromptu weekend getaways for your family. And perhaps simply visiting Utah Valley attractions (those you've been meaning to go to but never have, for instance) for a weekend "Staycation" might be a consideration. Become a tourist in Utah Valley as well as the State in 2011!

Our knowledgeable staff will assist and answer questions you may have in regards to traveling in the state. With over 50 years of travel and tourism experience, the Utah Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau team is certainly qualified and well-connected within the industry. If we don't know the answer we're sure to know somebody who does. Come in and find out for yourself.

You can also visit UtahValley.com for local trip planning ideas. Local attractions are described in detail, and there is a list of hotels and campgrounds nearby for you to stay in. There is also a dining section with a long list of restaurants that are unique to the area. One of the most popular features on the website is the calendar of events. The calendar is updated daily and can be searched by date, type of activity, or keyword. The website also has a section called Day Trips and Itineraries. This section gives ideas of quick trips you can take in a day, such as stopping by a specific museum and eating at a restaurant nearby. There's a lot to explore at UtahValley.com.

The Visitors Center also has a quaint gift shop, a perfect place to buy Utah souvenirs and even products from local and state businesses. Popular items sold are postcards, magnets, candy, T-shirts, books, and the official Utah Calendar. If you happen to have a student who's doing a school report on the state of Utah, many of these items have filled bags for classroom presentations. Of course many people in Utah Valley are host families to international students and you'll find affordable gifts to purchase as well. If you mention this article we'll even give you 20% off your entire purchase.

In 2011 be sure to stop by the Utah Valley Visitors Center for fun trip ideas for your family. It's time to start thinking about all the fun things you can participate in, so get off the couch and have some fun with the kids, your spouse, and friends. Make 2011 the year for exploring where you live once more. It's really a great state!