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**EASY MONEY**

# save big for spring break!

Start planning your dream vacay: With these tricks, you can save \$280 in the next 28 days.  
by cately hill

save up to: **\$48** this month

## your car

Driving to school and back and forth from your friends' houses can burn tons of expensive gas! So before you fill up each week, go to [gasbuddy.com](http://gasbuddy.com). The site tells you which stations near you have the cheapest gas—you can save up to 40 cents a gallon. (That means about \$7 per tank!) Plus, if you pass around a "car jar" and ask friends to contribute \$5 a week to cover their rides, you'll save even more!

**beauty basics**

Save on everyday stuff you have to buy, like body wash and makeup! Visit [couponsherpa.com](http://couponsherpa.com) or download their free iPhone app to get deals like a "Buy 3, Get 2 Free" offer at Bath & Body Works (saving you 24 bucks on fragrance mist, body cream, and more); free samples of mascara at Sephora (an \$8 value!); and a \$5-off coupon for purchases that are more than \$50 at Target.

save up to: **\$37** this month

save up to: **\$70** this month

## video games

Tired of doing the same old stuff with your friends every Saturday? Then amp up girls' night! Buy new or used games at [half.com](http://half.com). You can rock out and save a whopping \$70 on DJ Hero for Xbox 360!

**cool clothes**

Got a stack of gift cards to stores you're just not that into? Go to [plasticjungle.com](http://plasticjungle.com) to swap them for cash. The site will send you a check for a chunk of the face value (how much depends on the store). Or get even more value if you swap it for an [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) gift card. For example, a \$100 Eddie Bauer gift card gets you \$62 cash or \$65 at Amazon!

save up to: **\$65** this month

**Your Monthly Savings:**  
**\$280**

save up to: **\$60** this month

## food with friends

Next time you plan a night out, check out [restaurant.com](http://restaurant.com), which provides \$25 gift cards to lots of places in your town for just \$10 each. You'll save \$15 a weekend!

## CUTE CELEB \$\$ TIP!

"Sign up for Facebook, Twitter, and e-mail alerts from your favorite stores! Many will send out blasts when they're having a sale—so you'll be the first to know about it. Right now, I'm following H&M (@hm) and Urban Outfitters (@UrbanOutfitters)." —MICHELLE TRACHTENBERG

17 EXPERT: Cately Hill, the author of *Shoe, Jimmy Cho!* The Modern Girl's Guide to Spending Less and Saving More (Sterling, 2010).

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The more money you save, the more you can chill!

