

Extensions of Benson's Adventures

Writing

We designed Benson's Adventures to empower children to become the author of their own travel adventures. As you travel, encourage your child to write about his or her experiences. Purchase blank notebooks or journals for your child to document his or her journey. You can even upload photographs from your cell phone into post cards at your local photography center.

Maps

As you travel, pull out your trusty map! Living in this digital world, we have found that many children have never looked at a map. Encourage your child to map out the route with you. When you are visiting various destinations, look for brochures containing maps. Encourage your child to plan the route to explore for the day.

Ignite the Fire

We believe that travel adventures open children's eyes to a world of endless opportunities and spark a passion for learning. As adults, we have an obligation to keep the flame burning. If your child discovers an interest in a particular experience, then invest time by learning even more. Look for books on the topic or more travel adventures. All children need to be in-

About the Authors



Get ready to embark on an epic journey with nationally recognized educators and authors, Tracy Foster & Shannon Cooper-Toma. Through their partnership with ABC News and EMMY award winning Project Imagination, along with their partnerships with major corporations, Tracy and Shannon have developed a national literacy project. The dynamic duo, inspire educators, families, and communities to DREAM BIG for students, by empowering children with unique literacy opportunities! See how their work with ABC News, NASA, Hollywood, Chicago, and Good Morning America has changed the lives of many children.

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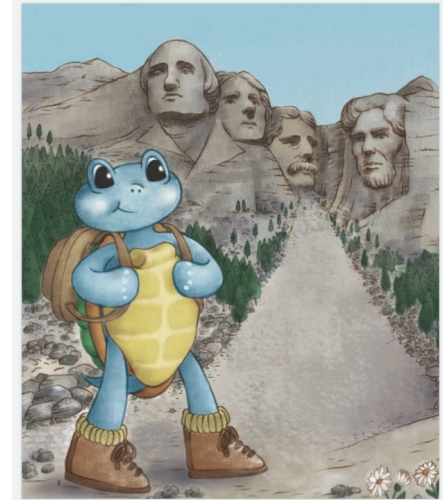
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Dear Friends,

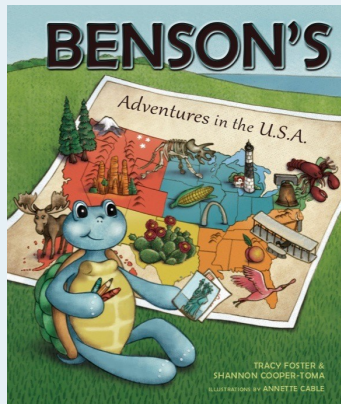
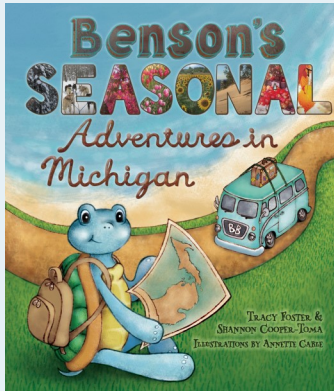
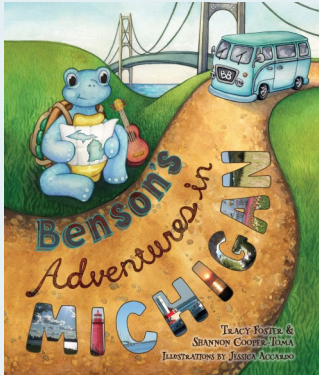
We believe children should be curious, inspired, and encouraged to DREAM BIG. As educators, we know books and travel can take children to magical places beyond their homes, classrooms, and communities. As you share the Benson's Adventures series, we hope your child understands that a world of travel adventures and opportunities awaits them and that they can make a difference by following their dreams.

We created this guide to provide families with ideas on how to extend the learning opportunities in this book. If you have any questions or would like to share your adventures with us, please email us at info@bensonsadventures.com.

Happy Reading!

Tracy and Shannon

Books in the Series



Additional Resources

Museum Day

Each year, the Smithsonian Magazine sponsors a free museum day across our country! Participants are able to download a free 2-person pass to explore a local museum. To learn more about this opportunity or to find a participating museum in your state, visit the Smithsonian Magazine website and search "Museum Day."

Junior Ranger

You and your child will embrace the motto "Explore, Learn, and Protect" our parks as you become a Junior Ranger. Nearly all state and national parks have a program that will encourage and inspire your child. Visit the park's website before your adventure to learn more about the programs offered in your area.

Kid's Night On Broadway

Enjoy the bright lights and magic of Broadway! Each year, your child can attend a theatrical performance free of charge with the purchase of an adult ticket. Many local theaters throughout the country support the program, as well. Visit kidsnightonbroadway.com for more information.

Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD) Day

Mark your calendar! Each year, members of the AAMD celebrate May 18th as Art Museum Day. Participating members offer free admission or special programming in honor of the event. Visit aamd.org and search "Art Museum Day" for more information.



Virtual Field Trips

White House

Public tours of the White House are free of charge. However, you do need to set up a visit through your congressional representative. If you are unable to visit Washington D.C., you can take a virtual tour .

<https://whitehouse.gov1.info/visit/tour.html>

Monterey Bay Aquarium

Explore the magic of the ocean water world as you tour the many different exhibits at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

<https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals-and-exhibits/live-web-cams>

Ellis Island

So many ancestors traveled through Ellis Island as they immigrated from other countries. You can experience what it felt like for these brave citizens on this virtual field trip.

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/immigration/webcast.htm>

Farm Food 360

Do you want to know what life is like on the farm? You can visit a dairy farm, chicken farm, and many more on this amazing site!

https://www.farmfood360.ca/?utm_source=domain&utm_campaign=www.virtualfarmtours.ca&utm_medium=redirect