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THE ULTIMATE OKLAHOMA

## TIME CAPSULE GUIDE

A fun, meaningful way to preserve (and make) memories!

#### INTRODUCTION TO TIME CAPSULES

A time capsule is a fun way to preserve your family's memories, stories, and adventures for the future. By creating a time capsule inspired by Oklahoma's rich history and culture, you can celebrate your family's journey while capturing a snapshot of life today.

Did you know? **Time capsules** have been found in places like historical courthouses and museums, preserving valuable pieces of history for future generations. By making your own, you can pass on your story to your future selves, kids, or even grandkids!





#### STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps to create your own family time capsule:



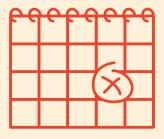
#### 1. CHOOSE YOUR CONTAINER

- ☐ A sturdy box, jar, tin, or plastic container works best. If you plan to bury it, choose something weatherproof, like a sealed metal or plastic tub.
- ☐ **Tip:** Decorate your container with family artwork, Route 66 stickers, or Oklahoma-made designs for a personal touch.



#### 2. DECIDE WHERE TO STORE IT

- ☐ Place it in a safe spot indoors (like the attic, garage, or a closet). If burying it outdoors, choose a place your family can revisit easily, like your backyard garden.
- ☐ Mark the location with a fun sign or on a map.



#### 3. SET A DATE TO OPEN IT

- ☐ Pick a meaningful date for opening the capsule, like 10 or 20 years into the future.
- ☐ Write this date on the container to keep it special.





#### WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR CAPSULE

#### **OKLAHOMA-THEMED SUGGESTIONS**

	<b>Photos:</b> Include photos from Route 66 road trips, local festivals, or family visits to Oklahoma landmarks like the Blue Whale of Catoosa or Turner Falls.		
	Family Recipes: Write down recipes for meals you love to share.		
	<b>Oklahoma Bucket List:</b> A written list of places your family hopes to explore together in the future.		
	<b>State Memorabilia:</b> Fun items like Oklahoma-shaped stickers, cowboy bandanas, or even state-themed art your kids create.		
FAMILY MEMORIES			
	<b>Letters to the Future:</b> Each family member writes a letter to their future selves. Use the <u>"Letter to the Future"</u> template provided.		
	<b>Artwork:</b> Kids can include drawings, paintings, or stories about their favorite family moments.		
	<b>Favorite Songs/Books:</b> A list of your family's favorite music, books, or movies from the year.		
	<b>Trinkets:</b> Small toys or keepsakes that will be fun to rediscover.		
	<b>Predictions:</b> Write down guesses about what life might look like in the future ("Will we still drive cars?" or "What will Oklahoma look like in 20 years?").		





#### **BONUS ACTIVITIES**

#### **TIME CAPSULE CEREMONY**

Plan a fun "opening ceremony" for when the capsule will be opened. Make it a family event with snacks, music, and storytelling.

#### **VISIT HISTORICAL SITES**

Pair the activity with a visit to an Oklahoma historical site, like the National Cowboy Museum, the State Capitol, or a Route 66 landmark.

#### **SHARE YOUR CAPSULE**

Take a picture of your family's time capsule and share it with others online. Use #OklahomaTimeCapsule and tag @OKTradingCards to inspire other families!

#### **FINAL TIP**

Have fun, get creative, and remember—the best part of a time capsule is revisiting the joy, laughter, and love you share as a family!





#### **PRINTABLE TEMPLATES**

Use the templates on the following pages to make your time capsule even more special! Simply print them out and fill them in.

#### 1. LETTER TO THE FUTURE TEMPLATE

#### 2. MEMORY CARD TEMPLATE

- ☐ Family Trip Memory
- ☐ Favorite Family Recipe
- ☐ Oklahoma Bucket List

#### 3. OPENING DATE LABEL TEMPLATE

**P.S.** Want to discover more sites, landmarks, and memorable activities in Oklahoma? Grab a pack of Oklahoma Trading Cards at select stores!





Today's Date:			
DEAR FUTURE ME,			
My name is	_ and I'm	years old.	
Right now, my favorite things a	re:		
My favorite food:			
My favorite song:			
My favorite place to visit:			
My favorite memory this year: _			
I hope that in the future I will: _			
Some things I think will change	e in the world:		
LOVE,			

### **FAMILY TRIP MEMORY:** Where we went: What we did: Why it was special: **FAVORITE FAMILY RECIPE:** Recipe Name: Ingredients: Instructions: **OUR BUCKET LIST FOR OKLAHOMA:** 1.

# **OPEN TIME CAPSULE ON:**

MONTH YEAR

DAY