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Holiday gift ideas for outdoor enthusiasts

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For the avid outdoors enthusiast, there's never really an off-season. The time between the hunts or away from the water can be spent preparing for another season of fun.

Now is a good time to consider some of the products available to give your favorite angler or hunter for Christmas.

Here are a few products that have bounced into my e-mail box in the past few days.

Some are from Sheffield; some from Greatlite and some from other manufacturers.

A couple of things that caught my eye include a multi-tools for hunters and fishermen, both from Sheffield.

There's a stainless steel and aluminum tool for shotgun enthusiasts that weighs just eight ounces. That's half a pound. It features a choke tube key for extended tubes, four choke tube tools for 12, 20, 28 and .410 gauge chokes; a drill pin so you can remove the trigger assembly and, of course, the standard selection of pliers, wire cutters, a saw, a file, screwdrivers, hex tools and can and bottle openers.

There's also the angler's multi-tool that features a hook sharpener, three line splicers, a fillet blade, scissors, a fish scaler, a hook remover (isn't it frustrating to have a fish swallow your hook?), wire cutters, an awl and, of course, those standard tools that come with almost all multi-tools. It also features extra long needle nose pliers.

Both are from Sheffield and have a suggested price of about \$25. Check out places like Dixie Gun & Fish, Hurst's or Sportsmen's Warehouse.

If your skinning knife has seen better days, the Rhino is another thing from Sheffield. Instead of sharpening it when it becomes dull, you simply change blades. You can store up to six new blades in the handle. It sells for about \$20.

For \$13, you can bring a smile to your outdoor enthusiast with a lockback camping knife, also from Sheffield. It comes

with a quick-release lanyard and a lightweight aluminum handle.

If you or yours enjoy four-wheeling, you might want to toss an ATV tool kit into the stocking or under the tree. The 48-piece kit includes several wrenches, a tire pressure gauge, a spark gap gauge, a bit set, some cable ties, electrical tape, a utility knife, a compass and a flashlight.

Speaking of flashlights, there's a rechargeable flashlight plugged into my cigarette lighter socket. It also has a compass which might come in handy if you take a wrong turn while hunting or just checking out the countryside. AutoZone is one of the several places that sells it for about \$30.

Bouncing back to tool kits, GreatNeck Tools makes a variety of marine tool kits for the folks who like to spend time at Lake Powell, Lake Mead or the closer waters. The prices range from \$50 for a 36-piece set to \$90 for a 300-piece kit.

While you're buying for the boaters in your family, consider GreatLITE's marine lamp. It floats and has a strong lanyard. It uses "C" batteries, which are available anywhere. Check it out at Amazon.com for about \$11.

Other lighting essentials available include something called the Ear Light from Logix. It fits over the ear, leaving hands free for the task at hand that needs to be lighted. About \$5.

Something you can find nearly everywhere is a pen light or a key-ring light. You can clip it to a zipper on your hunting togs or carry it with your keys or your fishing creel. Prices range from \$5 to \$10 places.

Want to look at something that's perhaps a bit more expensive but provides some protection from those bugs and related critters that spoil everything from picnics to hunting expeditions?

Check out something called Insect Shield Repellent Apparel. The company sells tents and hammocks that repel mosquitoes, ticks, ants and the like. The company claims its products are recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Finally, if you want something fun, there's a product called "Funky Colored Flames" which has crossed my desk. It's made of food grade salts and sulphates and creates purple, green and blue flames when it's tossed into a fireplace or (during the summer) a campfire. Costs about \$5 for a box. Check out such places as Wal-Mart or the local sporting goods stores. The boxes are about the size of a package of cigarettes.

If you want other ideas for your outdoors enthusiast, check out your local stores. Now's a good time to shop in town and help the economy recover.

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