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The Gear Junkie Scoop: OR Show Products (Part II)

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A few more items that caught my eye at the Outdoor Retailer Winter Market trade show last week. . .



S.O.L. Survival Water Bottle -- Survive Outdoors Longer. That's what Adventure Medical Kits is referring to with its S.O.L. line of products, including this new stainless steel water bottle. What makes it unique is a veritable fact sheet of information on how, when and where to find and drink water in a survival situation. Text printed on the 27 fluid oz. bottle includes important water facts and survival techniques like how to recognize signs of dehydration and how to find and purify water. According to the company, unlike all other bottles, this one could save your life -- even when empty. Available in April for \$19.99.

Timex Expedition WS4 -- Features on this giant-faced sports watch include an altimeter, barometer, thermometer and compass, all encased in a "widescreen dashboard" that looks like something Dick Tracey would wear. Timex calls the watch "boldly stylish," and it is available in six styles, including combinations of black, orange,

yellow, blue, and white. Other more common features include the requisite chronograph, alarm and timer. Available in May for \$199.



Wigwam and Bridgedale socks -- Spun with natural fibers from both sheep and worm, the plush Mountain Air sock employs merino wool and silk to create a durable, cushioned sock with fortified heel and toe areas. Made for hiking and general outdoors use, the Mountain Air has a seamless toe closure and comes in five colors. Available now for \$17. From Bridgedale, snug ski boots are no match for the new Control Fit Ski Socks, which have "friction-free slide zones" at the ankle and heel to let you pull into a tight boot with ease. Other features include "triple density cushioning" on

the shin and calf, and a three-year guarantee on the sock's durability. Available next fall for \$21.95.



Loki Mountain Hoodie -- Loki LLC of Grand Junction, Colo., describes its Mountain Hoodie as a "casual sport hoodie, made from cutting-edge materials with serious severe weather back up features." Like many Loki products, the hoodie has hidden mittens that fold out of its sleeves for use in an emergency or for regular wear. The insulated hood has a hidden face shield with breathable "nose netting" for use in severe cold. Two large zippered side pockets and two chest zipper pockets (left front pocket features an MP3 pass-through port) are included. Available now for \$135.



Cloudveil Koven Plus Down -- Using a hybrid of natural fibers and "21st century technical fabrics," the Koven is a cozy but technical jacket that is quilted with 700 down fill and topped with a synthetic face fabric to help with breathability and weather protection. It is lined with recycled rip-stop nylon that's tear-resistant and down-proof (so the feathers won't poke through). Available later in 2009 for \$440.

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