

GEAR GIRL — MELISSA AGUILAR

Don't sweat the small stuff. If you're looking for little packages to fill Christmas stockings, one stop at your favorite outdoor store should do the trick.

Carabiners, compasses, tools and travel alarms won't break the bank. Multitasking tools work for campers, hunters and bikers. Burt's Bees offers several gift packs filled with little bottles that are perfect for your carry-on, backpack or bike bag.

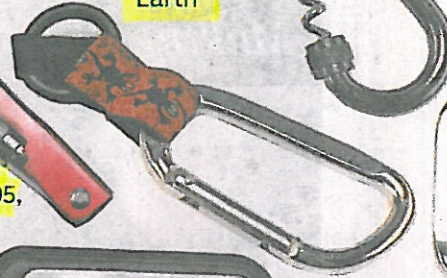
Earth-friendly Sigg water bottles are made of aluminum with a nontoxic lining, and the designs are works of art.

For endurance athletes, Sports Beans are better than Christmas candy. They're carbohydrates, electrolytes and vitamins B and C, are a quick source of energy.

Academy multitool, \$6.99



Carabiner bottle holder, \$7, Whole Earth



Carabiner bottle opener, \$10.95, Whole Earth



Aloe Gator on a carabiner, \$2.99

Voltage Valet travel alarm, \$13.95, Whole Earth



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Sigg water bottle, \$18.99, Sun & Ski Sports



Adventure Plus 7-in-1 Safety Tool, \$20, Academy



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