

Easy to shop for teens



Teens enjoy outdoor garb

If you have a teenager, you'll find Christmas shopping a little easier to relax. Because teens are typically outdoorsmen, there's a wide variety of gifts they'll enjoy unwrapping.

If you plan on spending a lot of cash, sports, camping, hiking, equipment and stereo equipment as well as clothes are categories to consider. Inexpensive gift selections might include books, records, jewelry or possibly plants.

For teen athletes, ski poles, boots, 10-speed bicycles, tennis rackets and golf clubs are great gifts. Racquetball is the in game this year, and a sports-oriented teen might enjoy some of the latest equipment. A pair of Adidas, Puma or Treport tennis shoes would also fit the bill.

If you're still thinking sports but on an inexpensive level, you might buy court time for tennis and racquetball buffs or a skiff pass for the aspiring Billy Kidd.

Camping and hiking equipment are popular items this year. Gifts may include backpacks, pup tents, hiking boots, sleeping bags

or outdoor cooking supplies.

Sports outfits are welcome gifts. Jogging suits are popular items for teens or, for that matter, adults this holiday season. Track shoes in all colors and styles make great gifts.

Teens are style-conscious and so clothes always in.

Jeans, bib overalls, classy nylon or knit T-shirts, corduroys, down parkas and vests, sweaters (big, bulky kinds) make attractive gifts.

T-shirts sporting a teen's favorite college logo, cartoon character, rock star, or saying are popular gifts along with knee socks with toes, mufflers with pockets, mittens and knit caps.

Jewelry makes a good gift for teens of both sexes. Anything that's turquoise or sterling silver—bracelets, earrings, chokers and necklaces—is popular this season. Be careful not to purchase items that look mass-produced. Teens are fond of crafty-looking jewelry purchased in boutiques, bazaars and out of the way, hand-made craft shops.

Record albums make an ever-favorite gift with teens.

Some old standby favorites include Alice Cooper, Chicago, Wings, Steve Wonder, Boston, John, Beach Boys, Doctor Brothers, David Bowie and Bob Dylan.

Some of the more current rock selections include Arrowmont, Led Zeppelin, Roxy Music, Bob Seger, Doctor Hook, Electric Light Orchestra, Earth, Wind and Fire, Rob'n Trower, Fleetwood, Mark Knopfler, Orleans and Queen.

Tickets to a teen's favorite rock group concert are great gifts and can be purchased in advance. Sunday entertainment guides give a listing of what group or individual rock singer is playing a tour in the metropolitan area.

Frosters, key chains, radios, headphones, plants, pottery, makeup, cologne, deodorant, bath and wafters, pens and pencils sets and sundrachers are other gift ideas.

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