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Cool Stuff With

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The Space Program may have brought us Velcro, but it was inventive minds across the country that gave us all of the everyday uses for it. Many of the products featured below aren't revolutionary, like fastening coat sleeve cuffs and hoods with Velcro; their value is in tweaking an old idea to make it better.

Protect Eyes and Ears

SoundVision by FullPro combines two things hunters need when sighting-in rifles: ear and eye protection. So what, you say? The "what" is that the earpiece on the shooting glasses has been replaced with a Velcro strip to attach them directly to an earmuff-style hearing protector. The earpiece on traditional shooting glasses often breaks the seal of the muff around your ear, which not only compromises hearing protection, but can create an uncomfortable pressure point. The Velcro attachment makes it convenient to put the glasses on and off. Test them on the shooting range, but get your money's worth by using them for all of those honey-dos — mowing the lawn, using a chain saw, or weed-eating. Retail price: \$19.95 glasses with two glasses; or \$37.95 for shooting glasses and ear muffs combined.

FullPro Protective Gear
3000 United Founders Blvd. #103G
Oklahoma City, OK 73112
1-888-873-8557 or (630) 883-0430
www.fullpro.com

Dual Purpose Camo Pants

Many hunters like wearing camouflage clothes as casual wear, but don't want to wear high-dollar technical clothes to partners or a movie. Wrangler's 9-pocket hunting pant in Realtree AP (All-Purpose), Advantage Max 1-HD, and Hard-



woods Gray camo works for early season hunting or a casual evening out. The extra pockets, two on each leg, are open but deep enough to keep contents from tumbling out. For instance, a GPS and a Streamlight pen-style flashlight stayed put for me while hunting and hiking. The standard jean pockets are slightly oversized for carrying extra gear and the legs fit over hunting or dress boots. Waist sizes range from 30 to 54 inches with a 40- to 36-inch inseam and a room-to-move fit. Retail: \$36.
Wrangler - customer service
1-888-784-8571
www.wrangler.com

See the Light

Carson Optical has put their money where their mouth is. Since greater light trans-



LAB TESTED REPORT
LIGHT TRANSMISSION SUMMARY

Model	8x42mm	8x42mm	8x42mm	8x42mm	8x42mm
Suburban	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%
Legend	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%
Legend	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%
Legend	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%
Legend	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%
Legend	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%
Legend	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%
Legend	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%
Legend	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%
Legend	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%	84.2%

When using binoculars in low-light conditions, the higher their light transmission, the better you can see.

mission means better contrast and higher performance in low-light conditions, they hired an independent testing lab, Gamma Scientific, to test the light transmission of their XM-842 model binoculars. Carson's light transmission was second only to Bushnell Elite of the eight models and six manufacturers tested. Beating out selected models of Pentax, Leopold, Steiner, and Nikon, Carson saves you up to \$1,000 and sacrifices only 11 percent light transmission over Bushnell's Elite model. Reports are available on the Carson website. Suggested retail price: \$350.

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Hauppauge, NY 11788
1-800-967-8427
www.carson-optical.com

Keeping Kids Outdoors

Families: Aided legislation, the hunting industry's initiative to remove legal restrictions about when kids can hunt, has been passed in 12 states to date. Families in those states have more say in determining when their youngster is ready to start a hunting tradition. Lawfulness is one thing, but practical solutions to keeping the fun in the outdoors can be another at times. Below are some products to ease the transition away from the comfy environment in front of the computer monitor.

Stay Warm Outdoors

HeadMax HotHands Watch Caps are designed to keep your body warm by keeping your head toasty. Most body heat is lost through the head and chest, and if you keep these areas warm, you'll feel warmer all over. Pockets in the caps positioned over the ears hold a HotHands environmentally friendly warmer packet. One pair of HotHands comes with all caps, which are available in knit and

a Twist

Sometimes all it takes is a little tweak to make an old product terrific

Happy Feet

ThermalFeet can be strapped on the outside of boots to warm the feet during stationary or minimal movement activities. Slip a standard heat pack from HeatMax or Grabber into the camo-colored pouch and use the ties to secure it with the heat source on the top of the toes. There are both half-boot and full-boot models, both of which will work for kids. The half boot will fit from youth size 2 to men's size 15+. The full-boot model comes in four sizes (S-XL). The small fits youth sizes 2-6. Half-boot model: \$19.95; full-boot model: \$29.95. Website lists retail outlets, or order directly from the company.

No More Itching

Tecnu Labs has developed a cure for youngsters' rite of passage into plant identification. Tecnu Extreme stops the rash and itch of exposure to poison oak, ivy, and sumac. The rash is caused by an allergy to urushiol, an oil in the offending plants' leaves. The oil binds to the skin, spreading the rash and causing irritation that can last for weeks. Tecnu Extreme, a thick gel, removes the oil and then the gel's active ingredients, Grindelia, soothes the itch.



Tecnu Extreme is already available in REI Inc. and drug stores, but Grabber Performance Group will soon be marketing it to outdoor retailers. Suggested retail: \$14.95.
Grabber Performance Group
4600 Damers Dr. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
1-800-518-0938
www.warmers.com

High Maintenance Camo

HMC with the tagline, "Look good in it," outfits the female hunter from nature's call. This is different than crutch-to-cuff zipper for ease and fingerie to bibs with a unique cuff-6-to-back zipper. HMC customer designs that have a drop-seat or a choice of Superflange Game Lynch or Realtree APG camo pattern. The thermal bibs are insulated with quilted nylon and have a high-density cotton exterior. In a

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leg for easy boot removal, and a zippered security pocket. Available in small-XXXL. Suggested Retail: \$120.
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