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2014'S BEST TOYS, TOOLS & GADGETS

The Genre-Bending Mountain Bike

Rolling over roots and rocks, leaning through S-turns, taking jumps — every obstacle you encounter when riding the **Giant Anthem Advanced 27.5 O Team** feels puny. The bike combines the company's revered rear-suspension system with the new 27.5-inch wheels, as well as a very fast-to-spin-up drive train. In fact, the moment you hit the pedals, the 22-pound Anthem leaps, but you'll never feel unsteady: Its carbon frame holds taut through corners like a stiff race ski. Fun and fast, it's everything a modern race bike should be. **\$8,250; giant-bicycles.com**



SIZE MATTERS

Bikes with the new "it" wheel size of 27.5 inches corner more easily than bikes with 29-inch wheels. They can also be built lighter and plow over bumps better than those with 26-inch wheels.



The Lifesaving Sensor

Crashes happen. If you're participating in any helmet sport, you'll want the **ICEdot Crash Sensor**. Mounted on your helmet, the tiny device detects an impact and automatically launches an app on your phone that pings your emergency contacts with your coordinates. Of course, if you're unharmed, you can cancel the alert. **\$149; icedot.org**



Taped seams and waterproof fabric help the bag survive nearly any weather.



The Stripped-Down Golf Bag

Most golf bags are monstrous, muscle-stiffening things. Whether carried over your shoulder or via its back straps, the 4-pound **Sun Mountain H2NO Ultra Lite** is comfortable and discreet — even when packed with clubs. But the waterproof bag doesn't lose anything by being trim: It's sturdy and feature-packed, with a pullout stand, full-length clothing pocket, and velour-lined pouch for valuables. **\$230; sunmountain.com**

The Petite and Powerful Smoker

Whether filled with charcoal or wood, Weber's Smokey Mountain Cooker has always been our choice for low-and-slow cooking at a fair price: It's easy to use and maintains consistent temperature. The **Weber Smokey Mountain Cooker Smoker 14.5"** offers the same experience in a smaller package. Ribs and brisket still become fork-tender in the egg-shaped smoker, and, at 24 pounds, it's light enough to transport to a tailgate or cookout. **\$219; weber.com**

WATER WORKS

A built-in water pan adds steam to the cooking process.

