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NEWEST & NEATEST
Top teen products

Compiled by Donna Willis

The Learning Light

With college tuition at an all-time high, you want to provide tools that will help your student perform better in school and learn more effectively. OTT-LITE Technology has developed the The Learning Light, which helps make reading and studying easier by providing high-contrast illumination similar to natural daylight -- without the heat or glare. Studies found that students with the most daylight in their classrooms performed up to 25 percent better on tests than those with the least. Although a little more expensive than a traditional desk lamp, The Learning Light is worth the extra money because eyestrain is virtually eliminated. OTT-LITE products, including The Learning Light, are available at Office Depot, Staples and online at www.ottlite.com.



Teen tech gear

In 2004, more than half of the top-selling gift items for teens and 'tweens fell into the tech category. The trend promises to surge even more, leaving your teen to juggle new laptops, PDAs, iPods, etc. With OGIO's help, these young gadget gurus can stash it all in a bag that's as stylish and technically advanced as their gear. Some tech-specific features include dedicated media and power supply pouches, cell phone pockets, padded drop-in laptop sleeves, dedicated accessory storage and fleece-lined audio pockets. The bags come in three styles: Hip Hop, Metro and Fugitive and retail for \$59.99-\$69.99. OGIO bags are available online at www.ogio.com.



A better binder ... case closed

The UniKeep View Case Binder will help your teen organize her life -- her way. Two individual compartments let her decide what's hot and what's not. View Case Binders allow her to customize the wrap-around cover anyway that she wants: school colors or mascots, class schedule, digital photos of family and friends, etc. This product stacks, stores and transports all of her important schoolwork or documents safely and neatly.



The binders are fully-enclosed, archival-safe, 100 percent polypropylene, recyclable, airport-friendly (will pass through airport security checks) and have extremely durable poly rings. UniKeep View Case Binders are available at your local Office Depot and Micro Center stores and online at www.unikeep.com. (Also a great product for mom and dad -- or anyone who needs a little organization!)

Step into the light with Brightfeet

Brightfeet Lighted Slippers are ideal for dorm dwellers. Each slipper is tipped with an LED (light-emitting diode) to light the way through the dark. Angled upward for optimum projection of light, the LEDs easily illuminate an area 20-25 feet in front of you. Teens can also use Brightfeet during dorm power outages or other emergencies.



A weight sensor in the sole of the slipper ensures that the LEDs come on only when the slipper is being worn, extending the life of the two included lithium batteries.

Brightfeet Lighted Slippers are available at your local JC Penney store for \$39.95. For product details, visit www.brightfeetlippers.com.

Put the brakes on teen crash rates

Road Skillz, a revolutionary new type of driving skills DVD, is aimed specifically at 16- to 25-year-old drivers. Arie Luyendyk Jr., featured in the DVD and aided by other world-renowned professional race-car drivers, takes a totally different approach to driver's education. Unlike the standard "scare tactics" and lecture-type driver education videos, Road Skillz incorporates real-life situations, a wide array of cars, CGI animation, popular music and real-life re-enactments of what to do and what not to do in a crisis situation.



This DVD effectively teaches teen and novice drivers the critical knowledge that they need to handle today's cars and roadway risks. For more information or to purchase Road Skillz for \$19.95, go to www.roadskillz.com.

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