

commuting but for around-town use, such as running errands. "Bikes for the purpose of urban transportation are selling out across the country, compared with other models," says Foley.

One example is the **NOVARA BUZZ V**, an affordable choice for urban cycling. The bike features a sturdy chromoly-steel frame, puncture-resistant tires and pedals that accommodate a variety of street shoes (\$449; [www.rei.com](http://www.rei.com)). Outfit that new bike for toting groceries and library books with the spacious **NOVARA DELUXE HANDLEBAR BAG** (\$60; [www.rei.com](http://www.rei.com)).

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Novara Deluxe Handlebar Bag

Squishy Bowls by Guyotdesigns



## EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

Why not give the gift of a truly memorable experience? **CRUSHPAD** winery makes it easy to craft a barrel (25 cases) of luxury wine. There are different levels of involvement; after selecting grapes from top vineyards, participants can keep tabs on the winemaking process through Crushnet, a real-time winemaking resource, or visit the San Francisco facility for hands-on instruction (\$5,700–\$13,000 per barrel; [www.crushpadwine.com](http://www.crushpadwine.com)). Recipients of a themed **GIFTYBOX** can select from multiple experiences and vendors in their metropolitan regions; themes include Spa, Adventure, Classes and Winery Tours (prices vary; [www.giftybox.com](http://www.giftybox.com)). Or send someone to boot camp—**CULINARY BOOT CAMP**, that is. The famed Culinary Institute of America offers one- to five-day sessions at its campus in Hyde Park, New York (\$325–\$2,095; [www.ciachef.edu](http://www.ciachef.edu)). —M.W.

locale? Consider an electric bicycle, which functions like a traditional bike but includes a battery-powered assist for the occasional break from pedaling. The elegant **E+ ELECTRIC BIKE** is among the high-end models; it has a rechargeable battery that provides 20 miles of power built into the center of its front wheel (\$3,495; [www.electrictionsystems.com](http://www.electrictionsystems.com)).

According to Carolyn Burnham, product manager for outerwear at REI, breathability is a leading trend this year in winter sports apparel. The waterproof **REI SHUKSAN JACKET WITH eVENT FABRIC**, which allows sweat vapor to escape easily, is a good choice for athletes who enjoy highly aerobic activities such as backcountry skiing (\$289; [www.rei.com](http://www.rei.com)).

Snowshoeing enthusiasts who seek challenging terrain might like MSR's **DENALI EVO ASCENT SNOWSHOES**, which are designed for steeper slopes (\$199.95; [www.msrgear.com](http://www.msrgear.com)).

Athletic apparel that combines performance with style also makes a great gift. For example, Twin Six offers cycling jerseys that are both functional and hip, such as **THE ARGYLE** (\$70 for men's and women's jerseys; [www.twinsix.com](http://www.twinsix.com)). Running skorts, including the **BROOKS RUN SKORT**, have become a trend in recent years after professional female runners began wearing them (\$48; [\[running.com\]\(http://running.com\)\). Thanks to soft merino wool that keeps you warm while wicking moisture effectively, the \*\*WALLAROO 170\*\* long-sleeve top from Sugoi is an excellent layering piece for a range of winter athletic endeavors \(\\$85 for men's or women's shirt; \[www.sugoi.com\]\(http://www.sugoi.com\)\).](http://www.brooks-</a></p>
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REI Shuksan Jacket with eVent Fabric

Now that you've got the outdoor enthusiasts on your list properly attired, consider one more special gift for the serious athlete—the **GARMIN FORERUNNER 405**, a sports watch that tracks training data. This GPS-enabled device syncs athletes' stats wirelessly with their personal computers, and features a touch bezel for easy scrolling while working out (\$299.99, or \$349.99 with built-in heart-rate monitor; [www.garmin.com](http://www.garmin.com)).



Garmin Forerunner 405

Help the campers in your life make more room amid their portable cookware by giving them **SQUISHY BOWLS** by Guyotdesigns. These collapsible, food-grade silicone bowls and cups retain their shape once you unfold them (\$15.95 for a bowl and cup set; [www.guyotdesigns.com](http://www.guyotdesigns.com)). Entertain the whole family on forays into the wild, or even the backyard, with **MYSKY PLUS**, a multimedia astronomy tool that uses video, audio and still images to teach the wonders



E+ Electric Bike