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The Outdoor Retailer Trade Show is held twice a year in Salt Lake City. Over 1000 brands and 20,000 attendees converge to show and buy the next seasons gear. This is part one of a four-part article on some of the gear I found intriguing at the show. Most of the gear listed here is not set to be released until Spring of 2013, but some will be available sooner.



### Osprey Xenith & Xena Backpacks

In the Spring of 2013 Osprey will be releasing some new packs for those carrying large loads in the backcountry. The Xenith is the men's version while the Xena is for the women. They will be engineered to carry large loads comfortably with gender-specific needs and fits. They will have a more robust version of the LightWire peripheral frame suspension for ideal load transfer. They will also have the all-new BioForm4 CM hipbelt and harness to provide a supportive and customizable fit. The hip belt is exchangeable for different sizes and can be heat molded for a truly unique fit. The packs will have good pocketing and multi zip access to the main compartment for better organization. Even the zippers have been designed with a curved path for smoother action and relieved stress. The hipbelt will have pockets for storing smaller items, and the lid will have two pockets and be able to be removed to be used as a lumbar pack. The biggest change with the packs is that they will have an external hydration sleeve in the backpanel so you will not need to remove items from your pack to get to the reservoir. The Xenith will be available in 75, 88, and 105 liters and will retail from \$319 – \$379. The Xena will be available in 70 and 85 liters and will retail from \$310 – \$349.

