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A tsunami of gear hit the Salt Palace Convention Center in Utah this past week, where the twice-annual Outdoor Retailer tradeshow sprawled for tens of thousands of square feet. On display were to-be-released tents, packs, jackets, ice axes, GPS gadgets, fire-starters, lights, shoes and all manner of equipment and apparel imaginable. GearJunkie was on the ground with a crew of six editors and reporters to scour the halls in search of the most stand-out new items, our "Best in Show" picks (part I) for winter of 2013. Congrats to the winners! This gear represents the state of the art in outdoors equipment and gear design.

iPad in your Pack — Tap on a Google map without removing your iPad or tablet from your pack. That's one scenario with the Portal Series from Osprey, a pack and bag line that allows tablet users to access their touchscreen without pulling the device out while on the move. A padded tablet sleeve and a touch-through TPU window allow instant connection to a screen. There are two packs and a messenger bag in the line. Prices start at \$99 this summer when the Portal series ships to stores.

