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HYDRATION PACKS



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◀ FOR THE SKIER

Fill the **NORTH FACE CADMIUM'S** 100-ounce Nalgene antibacterial reservoir, toss in a Clif Bar, and schuss until the resort's lights turn off. Compression straps let you schlep your board or skis on your back. The insulated hydration sleeve kept our water from freezing in cool temps, but in the low teens our Gatorade became a Popsicle. [\$90; thenorthface.com]



◀ FOR THE DAY HIKER

The **KELTY RAD II 27** is light enough for short hikes but spacious enough (1,650 cubic inches) to carry food, water, and the extra layers you should have brought but didn't. A lightweight belt, well-padded straps, and mesh back panel make it snug and comfortable. We only wish that at this price, it came with a water reservoir. [\$120; kelty.com]

▲ FOR THE MOUNTAIN BIKER

We never thought Camelbak would outdo the Mule, its 11-year-old pack that's still the biking standard. But the **CAMELBAK HOSS** combines the leak-free bite valve, splash guard, and ample pockets of its forebear with more space and a mesh suspension that holds the bag off your back. Hello airflow, goodbye lower-lumbar sweat puddle. [\$140; camelbak.com]

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HYDRAPAK REVERSIBLE RESERVOIR II

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