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A few years ago when we founded Wilderness Experience®, our goal was to produce the finest backpacking and mountaineering equipment possible. We are very proud of the reputation we now have for design innovation, old world craftsmanship and our meticulous attention to detail. This year we are introducing many new and exciting designs that we feel reflect our taste for well-thought-out designs that contain a timeless sense of both style and quality. We certainly hope you get as much enjoyment out of using your Wilderness Experience® gear as we have enjoyed creating it.

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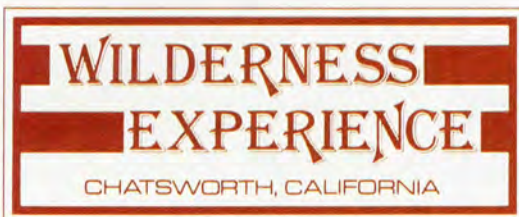
## PRODUCT TESTING

For the past five years we have maintained one of the largest and most extensive product development programs in the backpacking/mountaineering industry. We sincerely feel that this investment is one of the main reasons Wilderness Experience® equipment is superior in both design and function.

We would like to thank the following mountaineers who helped test and refine our products this past year on expeditions throughout the world.

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Your comments and suggestions have helped keep Wilderness Experience® a leader in both design, innovation and style.



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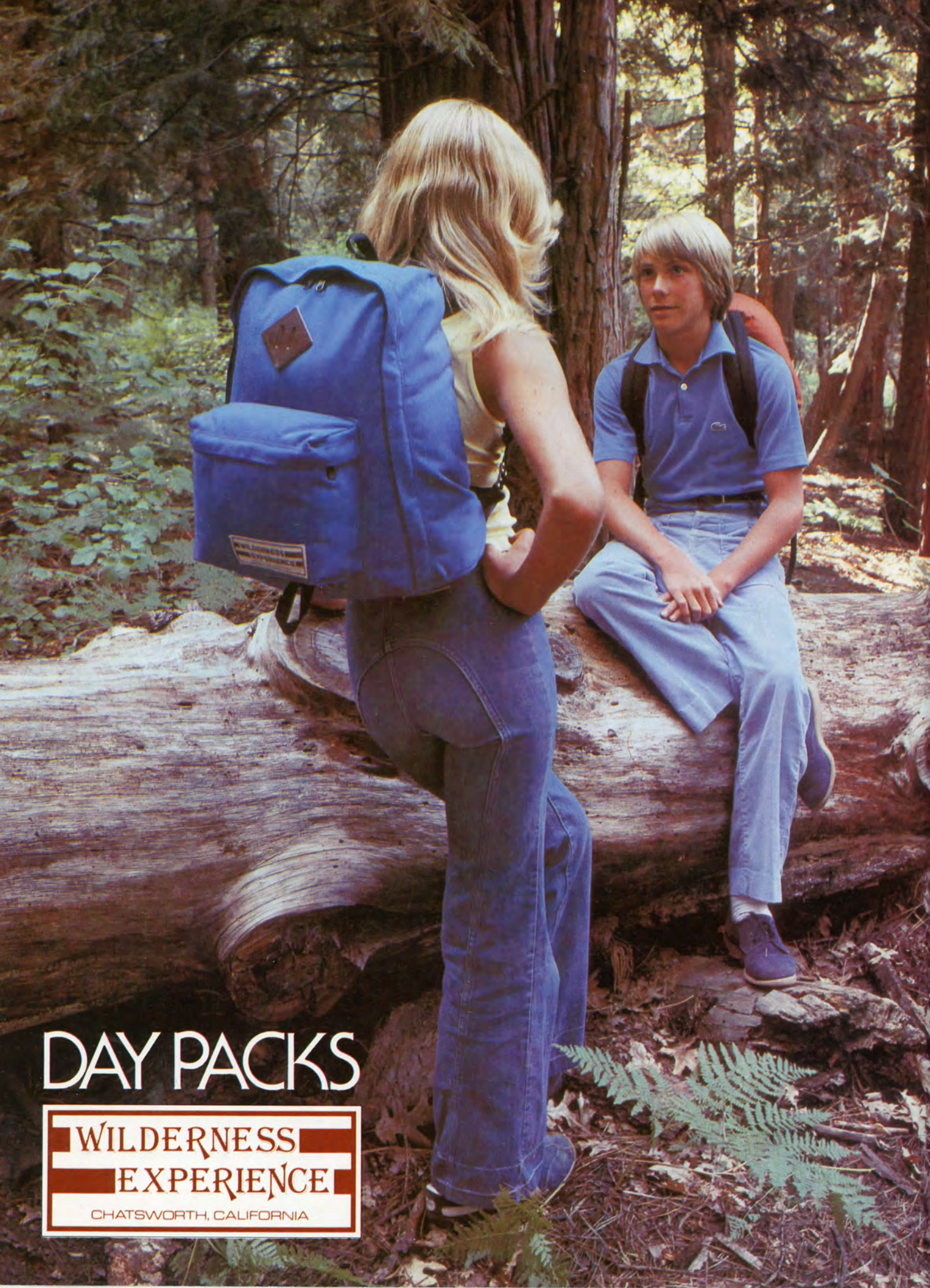
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# DAY PACKS

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## CRICKET

Long after Vanessa has outgrown her sturdy CRICKET pack she wore horseback riding, she'll still experience the warm memories of her childhood. Those weekend hikes and horseback rides will remain as exciting and wonderful as they are today. For days like this, we offer the CRICKET, a beautiful high quality day pack designed for children between two and five. With its zippered front opening, the CRICKET is perfect for holding toys, lunches or school supplies.

Suggested Retail: \$ 7<sup>50</sup>



## HONEY BEE

Created for today's young Huckleberry Finns, the HONEY BEE is perfect for those timeless afternoon fishing trips. With its quick opening top and large main compartment the HONEY BEE can hold a day's worth of snacks and school supplies and still have room for the worms. A handy zippered back pocket helps to organize even the most unorganized youngster. Built to take rough use, the HONEY BEE will last a lifetime of daring young adventures.

Suggested Retail: \$ 9<sup>50</sup>

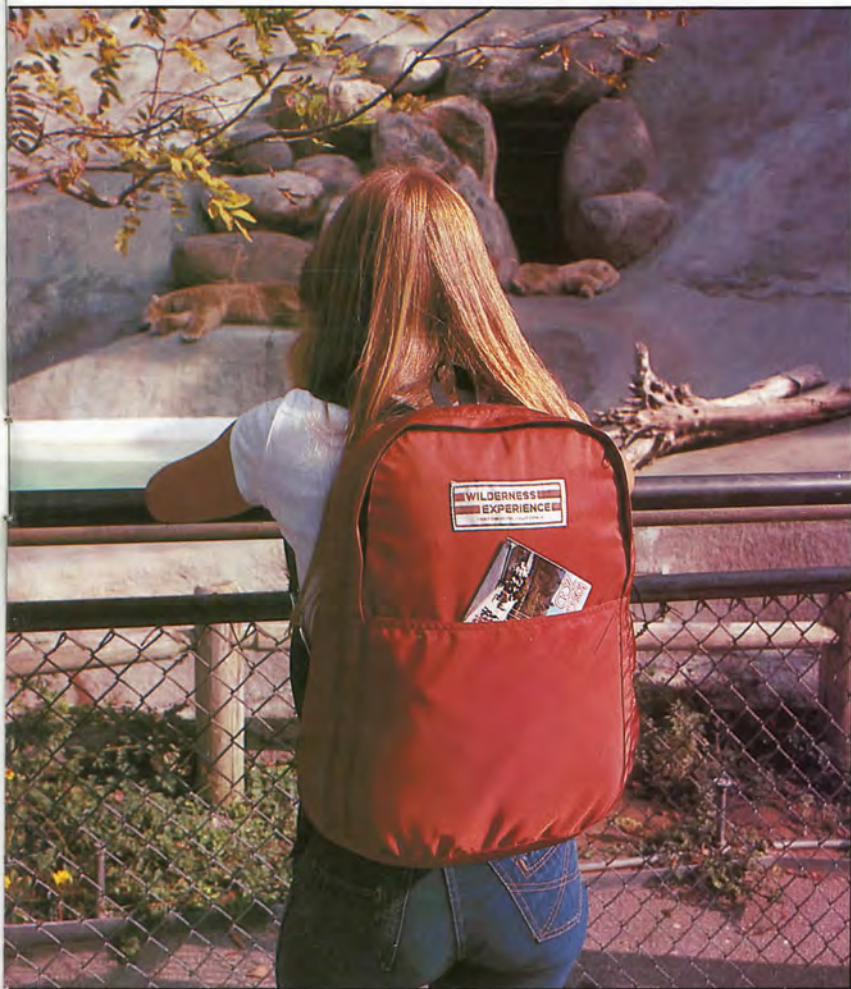


## THE BIKE PACK

For those "around town excursions" you won't find a more versatile pack anywhere. The Wilderness Experience® BIKE PACK's main compartment is large enough to hold two full size notebooks with plenty of supplies and you still have the zippered back pocket for more. With the entire pack closed with zippers there's no worry about losing things out of your pack while it gets thrown around. The BIKE PACK is designed to ride high on the back which is the best carrying position for bike riding. A webbing waistband keeps the pack from swinging. The BIKE PACK is made of the finest materials to be found. YKK® nylon coil zippers close up both the handy opening top and easy-to-reach back pocket. Our special 8 ounce nylon pack cloth is both waterproof and abrasion resistant. Soft 2" webbing shoulder straps and the adjustable waistband assure a comfortable and steady pack while hiking.

Capacity: 513 Cu. In.  
Weight: 8 Oz.  
Suggested Retail: \$13<sup>50</sup>





## GNOME

Here's a pack that has a lot of carrying space and is the newest addition to our day pack line. Designed for the person who likes to spend a whole day at the zoo, the Gnome offers features such as the "magazine slash pocket," a most convenient place for magazines, newspapers, tickets, or your racquetball racquet. The slash pocket lets you quickly slide things in and out without digging through your pack. The main compartment has a deceptively large capacity, giving you plenty of completely zipper-closed storage for around town trips or day hikes. The Wilderness Experience® GNOME pack is made from abrasion resistant parapack nylon making a lightweight but very dependable pack. With 2" soft webbing shoulder straps and the characteristic excellent Wilderness Experience® sewing quality the GNOME is the ideal choice for around town fun.

Capacity: 879 Cu. In.  
Weight: 10 Oz.  
Suggested Retail: \$14<sup>95</sup>



## HUMMINGBIRD

If you're an outdoor individual who enjoys spending days endlessly searching for those hidden little treasures so often found on a day's adventure, you'll find the HUMMINGBIRD will be the perfect partner.

A diagonally zippered back pocket is what sets the HUMMINGBIRD apart from all our other packs. Available in both parapak or cordura, this modified Teardrop pack is an excellent choice for any type of excursion. A large main compartment that opens fully across the top, and adjustable waist belts, along with the Wilderness Experience® quality in craftsmanship, makes this pack a must for the person continuously on the go.

Capacity: 850 Cu. In.

Suggested Retail:

Weight: Parapak - 9 Oz.

Parapak - \$17<sup>50</sup>

Cordura - 16 Oz.

Cordura - \$20<sup>00</sup>



## MEADOW

Popular, durable and comfortable! After five years the functionally well-designed MEADOW is still our best selling day pack. Perfect for school and ideal for around town travel. Fully foam padded shoulder straps and a quick release adjustable waistbelt keep the MEADOW both comfortable and stable when bicycling. Made from 11.5 ounce waterproofed cordura nylon, the MEADOW will practically last forever.

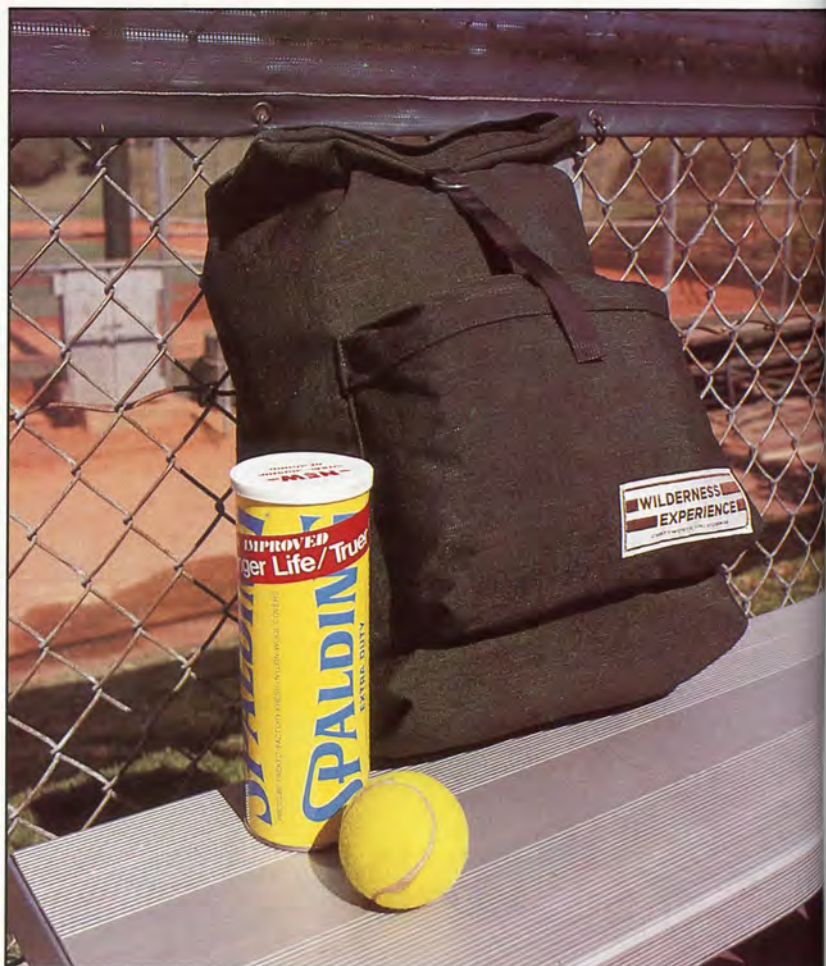
With its handy zippered top pocket, its large open main compartment, and a spacious zippered back pocket, there's more than enough room for extras.

Just as at home on the tennis courts, or in the country, we're sure you'll agree the MEADOW DAY PACK is a necessity.

Capacity: 1038 Cu. In.

Weight: 14 Oz.

Suggested Retail: \$21<sup>50</sup>







## HIGH COUNTRY

The HIGH COUNTRY is a spacious, quality day pack designed for those who desire extra carrying capacity without the external bulk of a larger pack. The entire front panel unzips via a continuous coil double pull YKK® zipper to reveal all the contents. This feature, plus the additional oversized zippered pocket, means no more searching, fumbling or complete unpacking to find a small item in the bottom of your pack. The HIGH COUNTRY is fully constructed of 11.5 ounce waterproofed cordura nylon to last indefinitely and to provide continued good looks. Other features include leather accessory patches, ice axe, adjustable waist belt and foam padded shoulder straps.

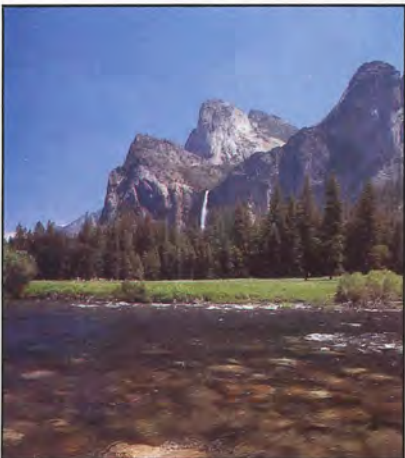
Capacity: 1160 Cu. In.  
 Weight: 19 Oz.  
 Suggested Retail: \$22<sup>50</sup>



## TEARDROP

For skiing, bicycling, and climbing, the TEARDROP offers durable dependability with classical teardrop styling. The bottom compartment is double pull zippered and the top main compartment zips open for easy front loading. The foam padded shoulder strap, ice axe loop and leather strap patches give this pack the necessary accessories for climbing or overnight trips. The 3/4" adjustable webbing waistbelt keeps the TEARDROP snug to your back. The 11.5 ounce cordura pack is tough and waterproofed with a smooth, nylon back. If you find your fun on the rocks, we offer this pack with a leather bottom to take the bumps.

Capacity: 841 Cu. In.      Weight: 13 Oz.  
 With leather bottom: 23 Oz.  
 Suggested Retail: \$25<sup>50</sup>  
 With leather bottom: \$29<sup>50</sup>



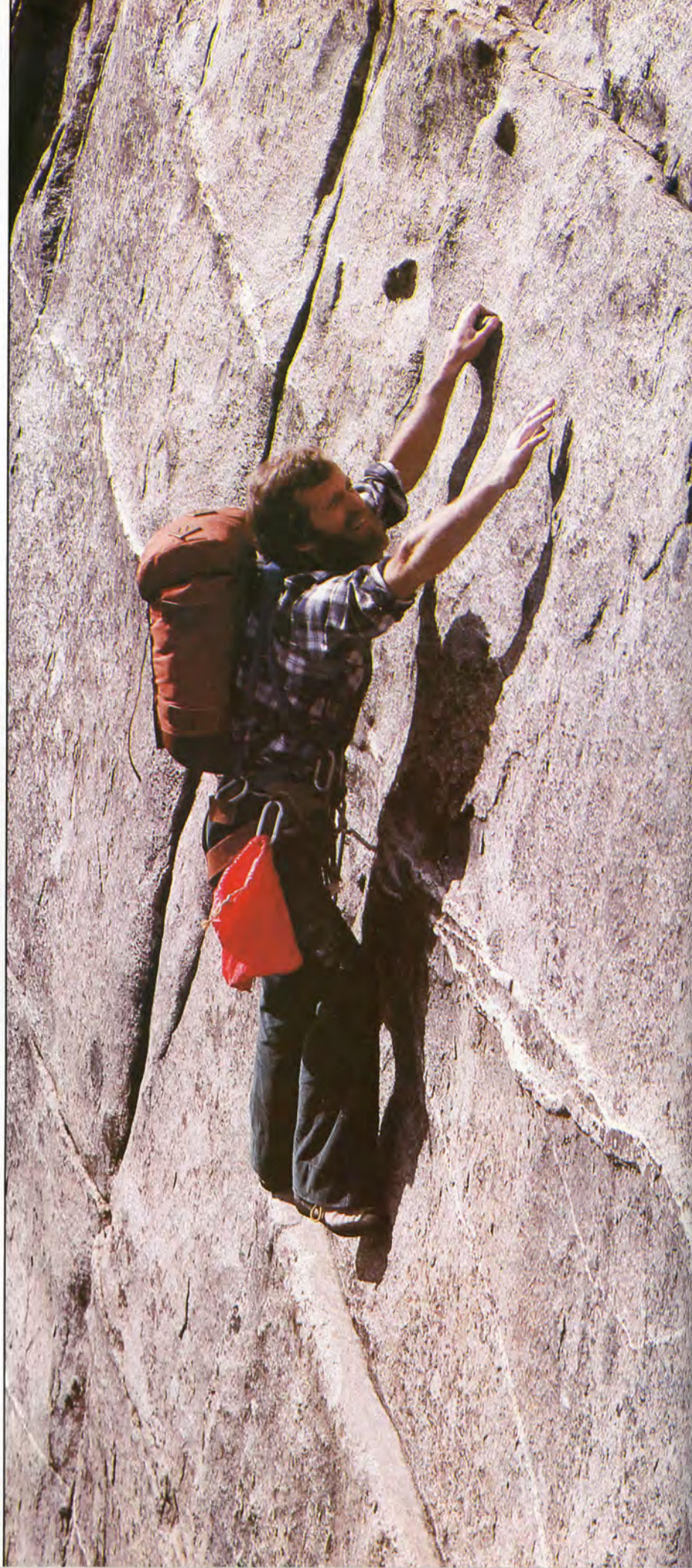
## KLETTERSACK

"Kletter" means climbing. We designed this pack with the climber in mind, but with its clean lines and functional simplicity it finds friends in every camp. The large flap pocket provides quick access storage. The padded shoulder straps and adjustable webbing waistbelt hold the pack in close while 6" wide foam pads your back. Smooth nylon back and 11 ounce waterproofed cordura throughout can handle long rough use. All stress seams and zippers are double stitch reinforced or sewn six times where extra strength is needed. The leather accessory patches on top, back, sides and bottom can accommodate various accessories from ice axes to skis.



Removable side pockets are available for any situation requiring additional room. The classic climbing pack, the KLETTERSACK also is offered with an optional leather bottom for those who prefer it.

Capacity: 1600 Cu. In.  
Weight: 24 Oz.  
With leather bottom: 34 Oz.  
Suggested Retail: \$34<sup>50</sup>  
With leather bottom: \$39<sup>50</sup>





## ALPINE

The ALPINE is a modified version of our fabulously successful Klettersack. The additions of attached side pockets with ski slots, an internal slash pocket, and waterproofed top extension, make this pack ideally suited for general use on overnight hikes and ski touring outings. The large zippered flap pocket covers the drawstring closed top. The waterproofed extension allows quick access and provides security for the main compartment. The ALPINE is constructed of 11.5 ounce cordura nylon with a smooth nylon back to provide continued reliability under all conditions. The nine leather accessory patches and an ice axe loop will accept items too large to conveniently place inside. The foam padded back and shoulder straps contribute to the comfort of this pack. We also offer the ALPINE with a durable leather bottom.

Capacity: 1875 Cu. In.

Weight: 18 Oz. - With leather: 32 Oz.

Suggested Retail: \$44<sup>50</sup> - With leather: \$49<sup>50</sup>

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MODEL	Material		Shoulder Straps		Waist Belt	Number of Compartments	Capacity in Cubic In.	Weight in Oz's.	Suggested Retail
	Parapack	Cordura	Nylon	Padded					
CRICKET KIDS PACK	X		X			1	220	4	\$ 7 <sup>50</sup>
HONEY BEE	X		X			2	360	6	9 <sup>50</sup>
TUMBLEWEED BOOK PACK	X		X			1	446	7	10 <sup>95</sup>
TUNDRA BOOK PACK	X		X			2	909	12	12 <sup>50</sup>
BIKE PACK	X		X		X	2	513	8	13 <sup>50</sup>
GNOME	X		X			2	879	10	14 <sup>95</sup>
HUMMINGBIRD	X		X		X	2	850	9	17 <sup>50</sup>
HUMMINGBIRD		X		X	X	2	850	16	20 <sup>00</sup>
MEADOW DAY PACK		X		X	X	3	1038	14	21 <sup>50</sup>
HIGH COUNTRY		X		X	X	2	1160	19	22 <sup>50</sup>
TEARDROP		X		X	X	2	841	13	25 <sup>50</sup>
TEARDROP W/LEATHER		X		X	X	2	841	23	29 <sup>50</sup>
KLETTERSACK		X		X	X	3	1600	24	34 <sup>50</sup>
KLETTERSACK W/LEATHER		X		X	X	3	1600	34	39 <sup>50</sup>
KLETTERSACK SIDE POCKET		X				1	275	7	14 <sup>95</sup>
ALPINE		X		X	X	6	1875	28	44 <sup>50</sup>
ALPINE W/LEATHER		X		X	X	6	1875	38	49 <sup>50</sup>

# INTERNAL FRAME PACKS

The Internal Frame Pack is rapidly becoming the industry leader for people demanding a versatile pack. Its uses vary widely from overnight trips to extended mountaineering travel. In keeping with this philosophy, Wilderness Experience® offers different varieties of internal frame packs.

The Internal Frame Pack has several advantages over the conventional external frame pack. In general it offers better balance, along with a total freedom of body movement. It has superior comfort with medium size loads, and it is virtually indestructible. Airline conveyor belts cannot snag or break the frame, as sometimes happens with other packs.

The types of outdoorsmen that can use the internal frame pack are almost as varied as the many uses of the pack itself. Serious mountaineers will appreciate the better balance for climbing. The hitchhiker or traveler will enjoy the convenience and easy stowability (no bulky frame to get in the way). The backpacker, too, can benefit while hiking on rugged terrain or crossing a stream by rockhopping.

In short, the internal frame pack has come of age. Many people who enjoy the outdoors will be able to use its advantages. Here at Wilderness Experience® we make the finest quality packs possible, including a complete line of internal frame packs. We believe these are the best internal frame packs available anywhere.



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## VAGABOND

As the name implies, this pack is for anyone who likes to travel—whether on foot or skis. Made of 11.5 ounce cordura nylon, the VAGABOND has a large easy-to-get-to top pocket and three generous outside pockets for organized, yet simple packing. A unique internal frame system that can easily be removed if desired, transfers weight to the padded waist belt. This system makes the VAGABOND carry more efficiently with heavier loads than other packs its size. The aluminum stays should be bent to fit your back to achieve the best results. A nylon covered  $\frac{1}{2}$ " foam pad not only protects your back from misplaced objects, but also makes this pack one of the most comfortable packs you can wear.

The VAGABOND comes with axe attachments, a haul loop and plenty of thick accessory patches so that nothing has to be left behind. Ski slots behind the side pockets make it easy to carry skis and poles.

Capacity	Weight
2771 Cu. In.	38 Oz.

Suggested Retail: \$58<sup>50</sup>



## EUROPA

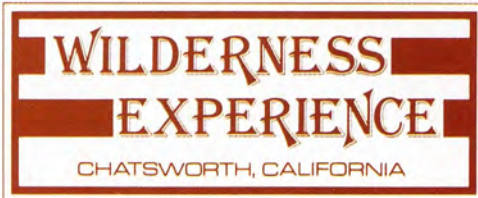
This is the finest traveling pack made. It has no metal frame ends to snag upholstery when you're hitchhiking. It is just small enough to put in an airport locker, and more than large enough for a year of vagabonding. The fully zippered front allows easy access for packing and complete organization. Three large outside pockets will hold all the items you want to be able to find in a hurry and leather accessory patches on the top and bottom are available if you need them.

Constructed of waterproof 11.5 ounce cordura nylon, you needn't worry about your pack giving out on you as you cross the desert into Tangiers. The EUROPA utilizes constriction bands to keep the pack profile narrow when a less than full load is being carried. The constriction bands also provide a nice spot to hang a jacket or slide in snow shoes, etc. Available in sizes small, medium and large.



	Capacity	Weight
SM	2615 Cu. In.	50 Oz.
MD	2783 Cu. In.	52 Oz.
LG	2951 Cu. In.	54 Oz.

Suggested Retail: \$72<sup>50</sup>



## BUCKLE

The Europa's quick release buckle is both functional and simple. Made from lightweight aluminum, this new buckle was designed to work best with a soft easy-to-handle light nylon webbing for even greater weight savings. This new quick release buckle can easily be adjusted with one hand or quickly opened with a simple flick of the thumb. It's always comforting to know, when crossing a rushing river, just how easily you can release your waist belt.



## BACKPACKER

The BACKPACKER is for the ardent hiker who prefers to travel off the trails, crossing rugged passes and boulder fields, but still wishes to carry more than a rucksack will hold. The BACKPACKER has the stability of an internal frame pack with a capacity equal to or surpassing most external frame packs. Side pockets are sewn onto ski slots for easy carrying of skis and poles. The lower U-shaped zippered compartment will hold a large down or Polarguard® bag, while the outside back and top pockets will hold many extras. The BACKPACKER is constructed of 11.5 ounce cordura nylon with a flared waterproofed ripstop extension at the top for overpacking. The back is made of smooth 8 ounce parapack nylon with a fully padded internal frame system that can be anatomically adjusted for a perfectly comfortable fit. Drawstring and cordlocks close both the extension and top compartments.



	Capacity	Weight
MD	3784 Cu. In.	58 Oz.
LG	3940 Cu. In.	60 Oz.

Suggested Retail: \$82<sup>50</sup>



## EXTENSION SKIRT

The Backpacker's unbeatable waterproofed nylon bivouac skirt can be extended to greatly increase the Backpacker's holding capacity or, when necessary, be a handy bivouac extension for those occasional unplanned bivys. During snowy conditions the waterproofed extension keeps any blowing snow from finding its way into the main compartment. After using this simple extension once, you'll never use a pack without one.

## FITTING THE INTERNAL FRAME

The fitting and adjustment of internal frame packs are just as important as that of an external frame pack. Look closely and you will see we've designed these packs so they can be contoured to be worn comfortably by anyone. Our 6061 T6 aircraft aluminum internal frame can be easily adjusted by simply bending both bars to the shape you desire. We have padded the face of the internal frame area with a lightweight closed cell foam to offer additional comfort. Our independent full circling waistbelt is fully adjustable and designed to shift the main weight of the pack to your hips and legs. On every internal frame pack we have added additional leather carrying patches on both the bottom and top.

The backs of the Wilderness Experience® internal frame packs are covered with a smooth 8 ounce parapack nylon. For times when you want to enjoy carrying a pack without wearing a shirt, you will find this material is a comfortable backing and won't irritate your skin as a more abrasive material would.

To withstand the demanding punishment these packs will often encounter, we chose to cover them with an 11 ounce waterproof cordura nylon. This abrasion-proof, yet attractive fabric will offer you years of protection for the valuables you will carry inside.

We suggest that when you're ready to purchase a pack you ask your nearest dealer to show you an internal frame pack by Wilderness Experience®. When you closely examine the excellence in our craftsmanship and compare the quality of our materials against those of other pack manufacturers, we are sure you will agree the choice is obvious.



Internal Frame Pack Size Chart

Pack Size	Height of Person						
	5'0" to 5'4"	5'5"	5'6"	5'7"	5'8"	5'9"	5'10" or over
Small	X	X					
Medium		X	X	X	X		
Large					X	X	X

Pack size is determined by the distance between the top of your shoulders and the top of your hip bone. When there is a choice between two sizes, long waisted people should wear the larger size.

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# ALPINIST SERIES

From its original conception the ALPINIST SERIES was designed to fill the demanding needs of the extreme grade alpinist. These packs are the result of years of experience and represent the most advanced developments in design, materials and style. Because of the ongoing evolutionary development in both mountaineering style and technique, the once extreme rapidly becomes the commonplace, and the impossible soon becomes the new standard. Because of these quick changes, the ALPINIST line is in a constant state of refinement and is produced in a very limited quantity at our highest standards of quality.





## THE ICE NINE

For the quickest of Alpine ascents, where timing and speed make the difference between success and failure, the ICE NINE is in a class by itself. Designed to be the most advanced Alpine rucksack available, the ICE NINE'S superb carrying characteristics are a result of a combination of unique factors: it's fully padded foam back, its lightweight removable internal frame system, a completely adjustable suspension and a load supporting, padded, quick release waistbelt. The ICE NINE'S distinctive navy blue magnum cloth is the finest material we've found for the best combination of waterproofing, abrasion resistance and weight.



The waterproofed nylon bivy skirt can be fully extended and still be completely covered by a uniquely adjustable zippered top pocket.

Six adjustable nylon side compression bands keep any load stable, enabling the ICE NINE to be securely used even in the most balanced situation.

The ICE NINE'S creative design and classic craftsmanship make it the finest Alpine rucksack available.

19 Suggested Retail: \$70<sup>00</sup>



## THE ALPINIST

Originally designed for extended Alpine ascents in Patagonia, the ALPINIST was thoroughly tested and proven on the first American ascent of Cerro Torre. The ALPINIST is a large single compartment mountaineering pack. Four nylon compression straps on each side of the main body adjust to securely fit the size of the load. These efficient compression straps are also a very convenient means of attaching skis. The self adjusting, double compartment top pocket securely fastens to seal out any hard blowing snow or spindrift. The special highly waterproof 800 denier magnum cloth is both light and highly abrasion resistant. The firmly padded full circling waistbelt is closed by a very light weight, quick release buckle that can be adjusted or released with one hand.



The ALPINIST suspension system can be easily adjusted to a perfect fit, while the unique lightweight internal frame can be bent to conform exactly to your back, eliminating any unwanted shifting or swaying.

At the beginning of a long Alpine ascent the ALPINIST can be overpacked by extending the waterproof nylon bivy skirt and raising the adjustable top pocket.

Suggested Retail: \$105<sup>00</sup>



## THE QUICKSILVER

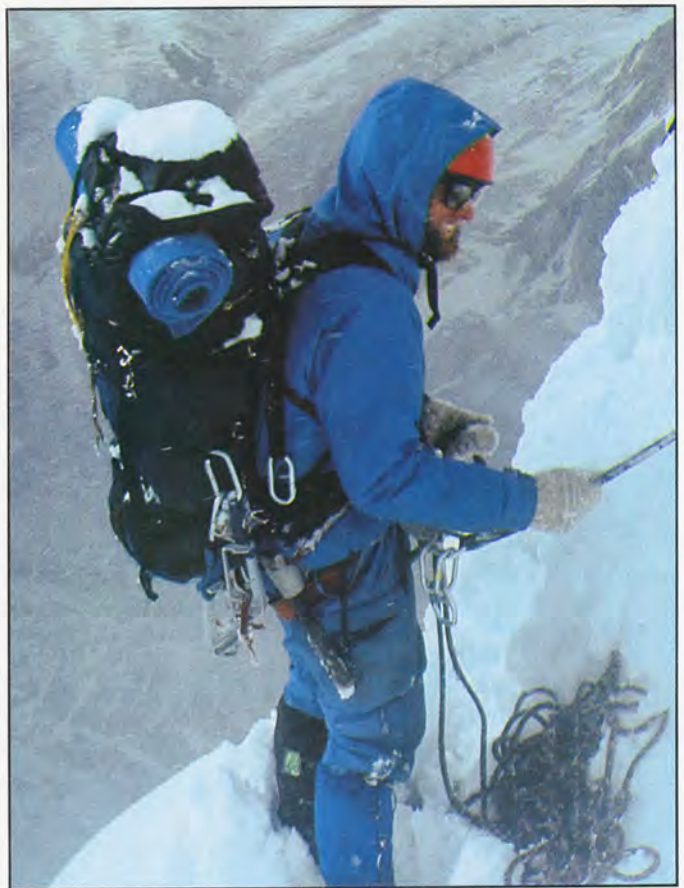
The QUICKSILVER was conceived and designed to be used on the most difficult Alpine faces, but for the same reasons it makes such a great climbing pack it also makes a superb backcountry and ski mountaineering pack. The QUICKSILVER is a modified Alpinist design. It is a little larger in capacity and is divided into two compartments with a zippered divider that zips out, turning the QUICKSILVER into a large single compartment pack when required. Eight compression straps conform the QUICKSILVER to any size load. A large waterproof nylon extension, designed to be used in bivouac conditions, also adds that extra capacity so often needed for winter camping.



The QUICKSILVER suspension system adjusts to make every fit a custom fit. It's this exact fitting process that results in an extremely comfortable carrying pack.

A uniquely designed, lightweight 6061 T6 aluminum internal frame system supplies the needed rigidity and stable support that eliminates any unbalanced shifting. The stable, controlled load system makes the QUICKSILVER an excellent mountaineering pack.

Suggested Retail: \$115<sup>00</sup>



The ALPINIST SERIES contain many design innovations that make them, in our opinion, the finest Alpine mountaineering packs available. After years of developing these packs in extreme Alpine situations, certain design features are essential in producing a highly functional piece of equipment.



and close with push button ease. For stability under action these packs will ride close and secure because of their adjustable nylon webbing Sternum Straps. The ALPINIST SERIES remarkably efficient Side Load Control Straps can be tightened to reduce the tendency of a



The ALPINIST SERIES are all adjustable and can be over packed by extending the waterproofed nylon Bivy Extension. This extension forms an almost watertight closer when not used for over packing. Each of these Alpine packs is easy to get into, even in the worst icy weather with numbed fingers and heavy mitts. Our special Nylon Buckles open



heavy pack to shift back and forth. Simplicity is the key to a functional piece of Alpine equipment. Our simple lightweight Adjustable Waist Belt is easy to fasten and quick to release. We feel the closer you look at these remarkable packs, the better they look.



# EXTERNAL FRAME PACKS

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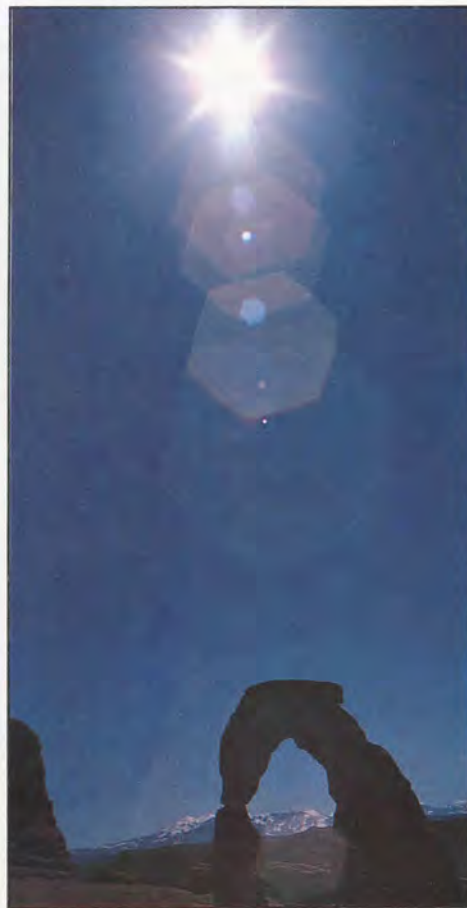
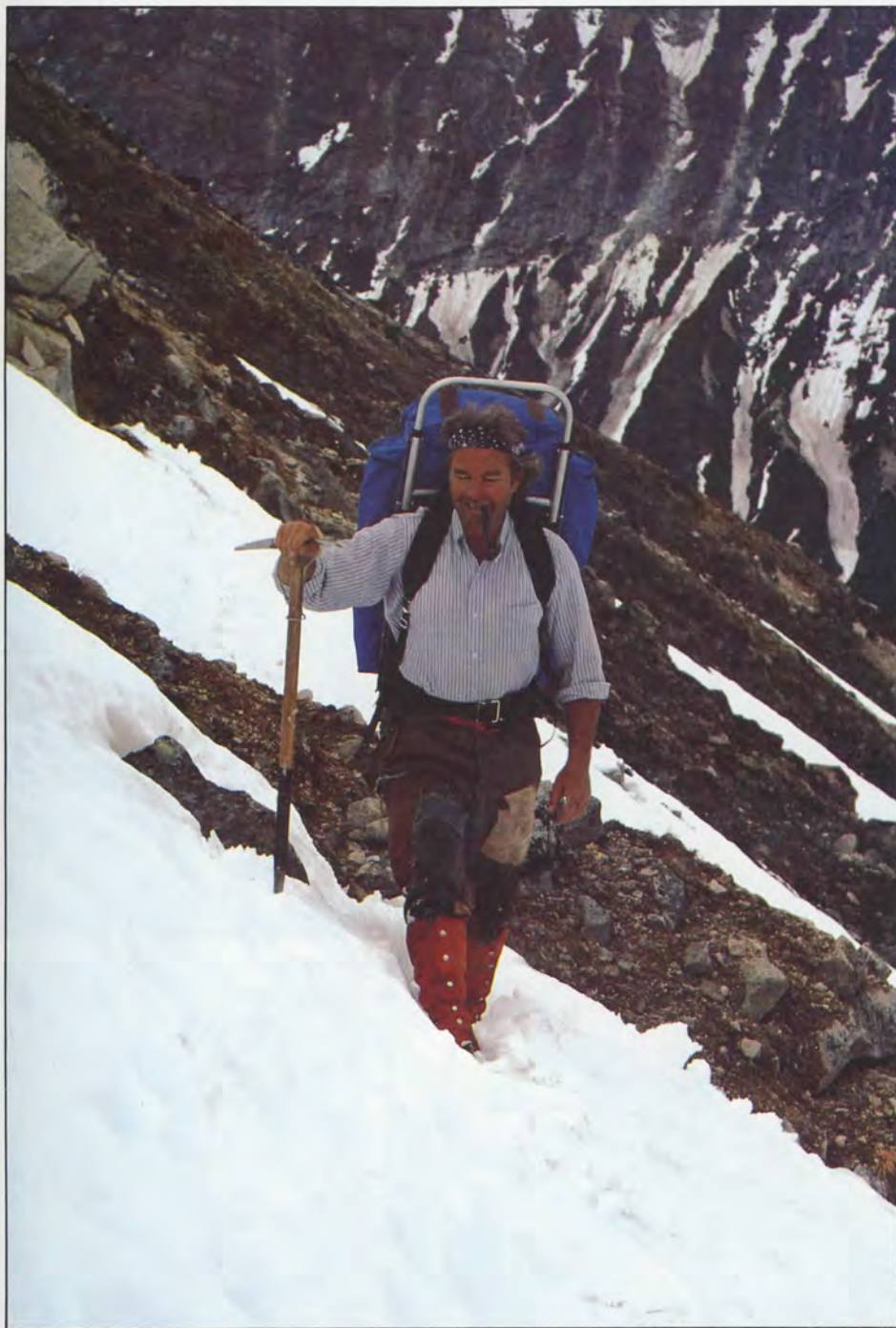
When your trips get longer and the amount of weight you have to carry starts approaching 35 to 40 pounds, internal frame packs are often not the best choice. With a heavier load, the center of gravity moves away from your body so that you have to lean forward unnaturally. For long distance packing, over non-technical terrain when you must carry over a 40 pound load, an external frame pack is by far the best answer. A strong external frame will allow

you to carry heavy loads without leaning forward. The load rides high and is over your center of gravity allowing you to walk vertically. With the waistband tight enough to bring the pack and frame in line with your back, more than 3/4 of the weight can be carried by the hips and legs. This is the best and most comfortable way to carry a load.

Your pack is one of your most important pieces of equipment. It carries everything you take with you. Make your selection of your

pack carefully. A properly designed and correctly fitted pack will make your wilderness trips enjoyable, and with reasonable care, your backpack will last a lifetime. We manufacture a complete line of frame packs including our "Little Big Man," a pack designed to grow with the child. As you look through the next few pages you will see the different models and designs of the external frame packs we make.

But, what you can't see is the material we use in each and every pack Wilderness Experience®



manufactures. Take some time in a store to compare our packs with others and then you will see the difference. Notice how we stitch our shoulder straps and waistbelts and how our regular stress seams are all reinforced. We use only the finest zipper available, a YKK® smooth running non-freeze coil zipper. Often you will see we inserted a double pull zipper to offer that additional convenience of easy access.

All Wilderness Experience® packs are manufactured under one roof. We know that having complete control over assembling each and every pack is a tremendous asset.

Not having to depend on outside services has proven to be a great convenience for us and a tremendous advantage for you. The Wilderness Experience® craftsmanship that has made our packs some of the finest in the world, can be found in every step it takes to produce them.

Unlike other manufacturers, we have decided to produce our own frames. To do this we developed a complete metal shop. Our frames are all made of 6061 T6 aircraft quality, thick walled aluminum tubing and every joint is heliarc welded. This makes a frame pack that is much more than "strong enough" for the majority of backpackers; but the least thing you want is a pack that will last a lifetime and then not be able to stand up to the demands of your future interests.

One of the most important things in choosing the correct frame pack is to make sure you have the correct size. A lot of work has gone into designing, testing and manufacturing our external frame packs so that they will carry as perfectly as possible. But if you don't have the correct size it is not going to work as well as it can. Follow our fitting instructions on page 30 of this catalog, to make sure you are purchasing the correct size.

We hope that when the time comes for you to purchase a frame pack, you will seriously consider us. We're sure you will find, as we have, that seeing the outdoors on foot is an experience you will want to repeat time after time.





## LITTLE BIG MAN

Backpacking is a sport where the entire family can share the fun equally, so . . . Wilderness Experience® has designed a kid's frame pack. It is an exceptionally sturdy and lightweight small backpacker's pack. The frame is a contoured 'S' frame made from the same 6061 T6 aircraft quality aluminum as are all of our adult frames. Small enough to fit properly, yet large enough to carry a complete outfit, the entire front opens like a suitcase making this pack bag very easy to pack and organize. Side pockets located towards the top of the pack offer additional area to carry those quickly-needed items. We use only YKK® coil zippers because we know you need to depend on the best. The LITTLE BIG MAN's frame has fully padded, adjustable shoulder straps and a complete full circling padded waistbelt. The LITTLE BIG MAN is the perfect pack to keep the young backpacker on the right trail.

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Capacity: 1106 Cu. In.

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Weight: 39 Oz.

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Suggested Retail: \$45<sup>00</sup>

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The LITTLE BIG MAN offers the feature of an adjustable frame. Instead of having to shop for a larger pack each year, you can simply adjust the frame to adapt to the growth of your child.

## TIMBERLINE

Designed as an economical alternative, the TIMBERLINE, however, is not alternative to quality nor craftsmanship. We wanted to produce a pack that could sell for less but that would not compromise quality standards by going to a furniture grade aluminum frame or to cheaper nylon fabrics. The TIMBERLINE is an excellent choice for the new backpacker with every necessary feature that a more expensive pack can offer. Made of our same 420 denier super K koted 8 ounce parapack nylon, the TIMBERLINE bag is divided for convenient organization with a half moon zippered bottom compartment and two large outside pockets with double-stitched nylon coil zippers for easy opening and closing. A hold open bar is attached directly to our frame, an expensive method that we use on our 'S' frame models, which helps transfer the weight closer to your center of gravity through the frame. The TIMBERLINE also has a handy map pocket that can be used without taking the pack off. The frame itself is the exact 'S' frame design made from the



6061 T6 aircraft aluminum. There is a 5" breathable mesh backband and a padded waistbelt attached to the frame. The frame will accommodate an optional frame extension for loading even more equipment on top of your pack.

	Capacity	Weight
SM	2083 Cu. In.	60 Oz.
MD	2323 Cu. In.	63 Oz.
LG	2590 Cu. In.	66 Oz.
XL	2823 Cu. In.	69 Oz.

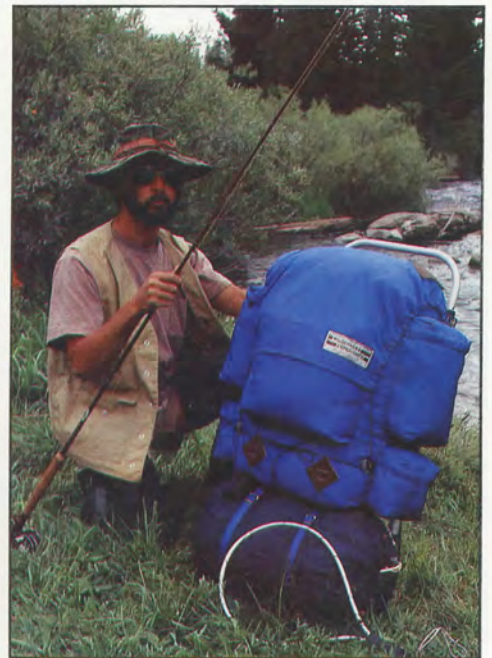
Suggested Retail: \$69<sup>50</sup>





## SIERRA PACK

Our goal was to design a simple quality frame pack for all around backpacking and mountaineering use and offer this pack in an intermediate price range without compromising the high quality standards of Wilderness Experience®. The SIERRA PACK is a large capacity, undivided pack made of 8 ounce super K koted 420 denier parapack nylon. The same high quality is used on all our frame packs. The main compartment offers space for large bulky objects. The side pockets are excellent for those quick-to-reach items. The back pocket is a huge top loading cargo pocket capable of carrying a good portion of your bulky lighter weight items. The additional map pocket on the front of the bag can be reached easily while hiking. There are leather strap patches on the top to allow you to strap additional items on. The SIERRA frame is made of the same 6061 T6 aircraft quality aluminum, bent and heliarc welded in our own shop. We use the same



generously padded waist and shoulder straps as on the other 'S' frames. We use a 5" mesh backband to form a ventilating air space between your back and the pack. The SIERRA frame also offers an adjustable frame extension.

	Capacity	Weight
SM	2888 Cu. In.	67 Oz.
MD	3219 Cu. In.	70 Oz.
LG	3593 Cu. In.	73 Oz.
XL	3896 Cu. In.	75 Oz.

Suggested Retail: \$85<sup>00</sup>

## FRONT OPENING 'S' FRAME

The ultimate in organization. This pack is for those of you who are tired of searching endlessly for something in your pack. The main body is divided into two panel-opening, double-stitched compartments, for easy, organized access to clothing and food. Compression bands on the outside can be used to tighten the bag when less than a full load is being carried or for strapping on special items such as snow shoes, skis or even a jacket. There are four large side pockets with ample space for water or fuel bottles. The large top pocket is easy to get to even when an additional stuff bag full of goods is attached to the top of the pack. The extension bar which is attached directly to the frame supports any weight strapped to the top of the pack as well as transferring any additional weight back to the frame. In addition to the five outside pockets there is an easy-to-use map pocket that can be reached while the pack is on. The FRONT OPENING PACK is



equipped with our famous 'S' frame with a full mesh backband and a complete contoured waistband. The pack bag is also made of the same 8 ounce 420 denier super K koted parapack nylon.

	Capacity	Weight
SM	2267 Cu. In.	77 Oz.
MD	2528 Cu. In.	80 Oz.
LG	2819 Cu. In.	83 Oz.
XL	3075 Cu. In.	95 Oz.

Suggested Retail: \$98<sup>50</sup>





## TOP OPENING 'S' FRAME

This is the most popular of all bag styles. The main compartment is divided in half by a horizontal floor. The top compartment is the larger of the two and should be used to carry your heavier equipment. Access to the bottom section is by way of a half moon double pull zippered opening. There are five outside pockets and a convenient map pocket that can be reached without removing your pack. The top two side pockets are ideal for holding one quart water bottles or extra gas for your stove. Small bottom pockets help to keep easy-to-lose items convenient and organized. The large back pocket is great for carrying snacks and medium sized items. Large accessory patches on the top aid in securing a foam pad, tent or extra stuff bag. The 'S' frame is a very efficient design for developing the proper forward concentration of pack weight while creating a comfortable distribution of weight between the shoulders, back and hips. The specially contoured, adjustable 5/8 inch thick



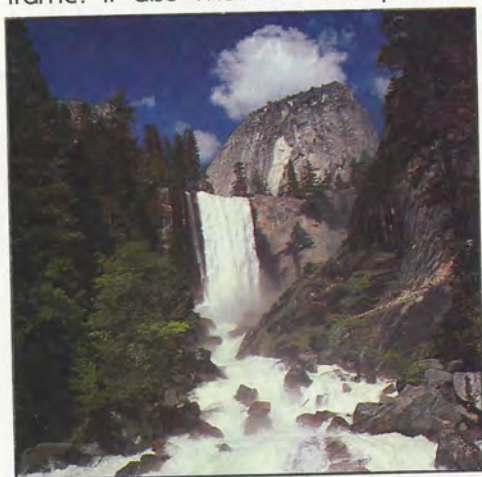
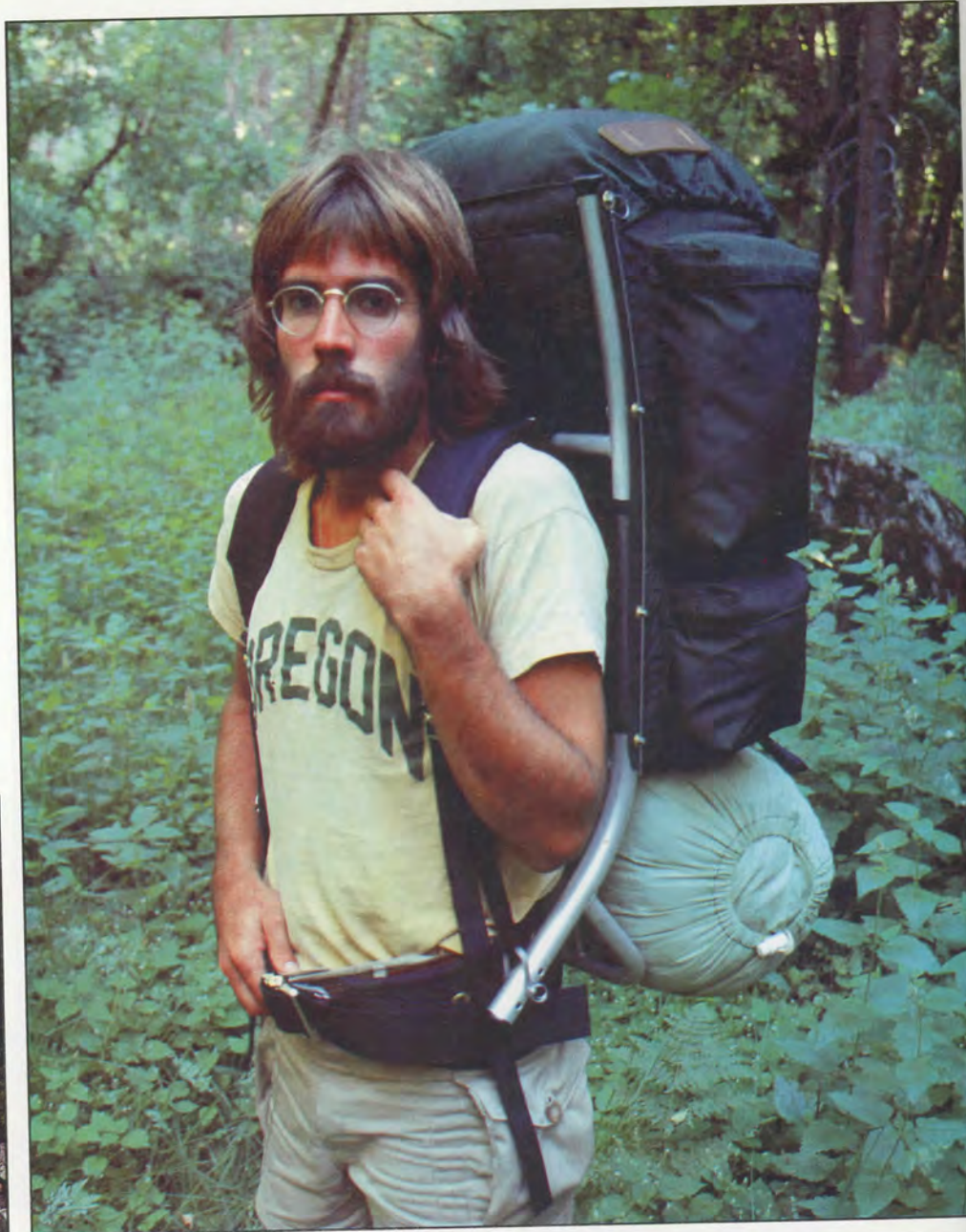
neoprene foam padded waistbelt along with our completely adjustable full mesh backband combine to distribute weight evenly on your back and reduce some of the sway associated with frame packs.

	Capacity	Weight
SM	1795 Cu. In.	76 Oz.
MD	3126 Cu. In.	79 Oz.
LG	3500 Cu. In.	82 Oz.
XL	3863 Cu. In.	84 Oz.

Suggested Retail: \$98<sup>50</sup>

## TOP OPENING WRAP AROUND FRAME PACK

Made of 420 denier 8 ounce para-pack nylon, the TOP OPENING WRAP AROUND will afford any backpacker or mountaineer years of dependable service. The main compartment is divided by a horizontal floor; the larger compartment is for carrying your heavier equipment. Access to the lower section is by way of a very convenient half moon double pull zipper, eliminating thrashing about for the lighter items which are often difficult to find in other packs. Large accessory patches on top aid in securing a foam pad, tent, or extra stuff bag to the frame extension (optional on our wrap around frames). A hold open bar helps to support equipment strapped to the top of the pack by transferring the weight directly to the frame. It also maintains the pack's



profile, making it easier to arrange equipment. The 6061 T6 aircraft aluminum frame wraps the hips to support the full circling waistbelt, which is designed to pivot independently from the frame. The pivoting action makes this an excellent pack for comfortable hiking or mountaineering. The padded waistbelt and shoulder straps are made of a specially developed 5/8" thick close cell neoprene foam that will not shrink or collapse after use. Our extra large mesh backband assures you a more stable load.

	Capacity	Weight
SM	2907 Cu. In.	77 Oz.
MD	3591 Cu. In.	81 Oz.
LG	3972 Cu. In.	84 Oz.
XL	4782 Cu. In.	86 Oz.





## FITTING YOUR FRAME PACK

Since the fit is so important to the comfort of your pack, take the time to make sure you are purchasing the correct size. First load the pack with about 25 pounds, then shrug your shoulders, lifting the pack slightly. Tighten the waist belt around you, making sure it is centered over your hip bones. When you relax your shoulders you should feel the weight shift to your hips. Have someone look at the shoulder straps. They should be level or slightly higher than the top of your shoulders. If the shoulder pads are lower than the top of your shoulders, then try a larger size frame. If the shoulder pads are more than 2" higher than the top of your shoulders, try a smaller size.



## PACKING YOUR FRAME PACK

When loading your frame pack you will want to put the heavy items as close to your back as possible and as high in the pack bag as you can. This will place as much of the weight as possible over your center of gravity. Your sleeping bag is usually one of the lightest items for its size that you will carry. Therefore, the frame is designed to carry the sleeping bag stuff sack on the lower section. Use the outside pockets for things you want handy (i.e., water bottles, snacks, first aid kit, etc.) but don't put any heavy items in the back pocket. Heavy items like tents, ropes, etc., can be lashed onto the extension bar or put under the top flap. Any items that are attached to the leather patches on the back should be as light as possible so that the weight concentration stays near the frame.

Frame Pack Size Chart

Pack Size	Height of Person											
	5'0" to 5'3"	5'4"	5'5"	5'6"	5'7"	5'8"	5'9"	5'10"	5'11"	6'0"	6'0" or over	
Small	X	X										
Medium		X	X	X	X							
Large					X	X	X	X	X	X		
X-Large											X	X

Pack size is determined by the distance between the top of your shoulders and the top of your hip bone. When there is a choice between two sizes, long waisted people should wear the larger size.

# SOFT LUGGAGE

Travel is fast becoming a part of every day living, and quality travel luggage is rapidly giving way to molded plastic boxes with handles. We feel our entire line of SOFT LUGGAGE is a refreshingly new step in carrying convenience. The handcrafted quality that Wilderness Experience® is famous for has been designed into a functional, stylish and attractive line of SOFTLUGGAGE.

All of our luggage is individually hand-crafted and assembled with only the finest materials available. As with our other products, we use only dependable, smooth running YKK® zippers. We refuse to substitute a lesser quality material throughout any of our products. The sewing quality that goes into our SOFT LUGGAGE line is of the same craftsmanship that has made our Pack Line such a success.

We hope you enjoy what you see. We are convinced that once you find out how convenient Wilderness Experience® SOFT LUGGAGE really is, you will not go back to conventional style luggage.

## RAILROADERS

Our RAILROADERS are from an old design of travel luggage used for years by travelers around the world. We offer three sizes, each individually designed to perform as a separate unit, or compliment each other as an entire set. The handy outside pockets and suitcase style main compartments are made of waterproof 11.5 ounce cordura nylon. Dependable, smooth running YKK® nylon coil zippers open and close all compartments for functional organization. You'll find these RAILROADERS are so functional you won't want to leave home without one.

	Capacity	Weight	Suggested Retail
SM	1350 Cu. In.	21 Oz.	\$38 <sup>50</sup>
MD	2008 Cu. In.	26 Oz.	\$43 <sup>50</sup>
LG	2628 Cu. In.	30 Oz.	\$48 <sup>50</sup>

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## BRIEF CASE

This handy little carry-all is fast becoming the favorite as an easy access lightweight BRIEF CASE. Made of rugged 11.5 ounce cordura nylon, the BRIEF CASE is completely waterproofed and will protect any valuable paperwork you need to carry. The Wilderness Experience® BRIEF CASE is the ideal companion for the out of doors executive. This stylish BRIEF CASE has two separate compartments that close with YKK® coil zippers for better organization. Our BRIEF CASE is truly an inexpensive alternative to the standard hard style brief case.

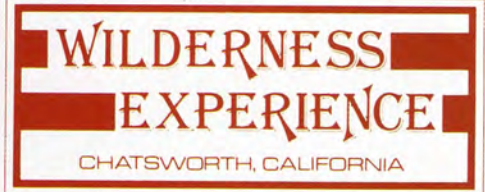
Suggested Retail: \$10<sup>00</sup>



## SHOULDER BAG

If you are a sports minded individual the SHOULDER BAG is the ideal carry-all for you. It's perfect for toting around a warm-up suit, running shoes or even a complete tennis outfit. Vagabonding travelers also find the SHOULDER BAG to be an indispensable addition to their larger travel pack for camera, papers and valuables.

Capacity: 1005 Cu. In.  
Weight: 23 Oz.  
Suggested Retail: \$25<sup>00</sup>



## CARRY ON BAG

The CARRY ON BAG has two outside zippered pockets and a large zippered main compartment. Ideal for carrying an extra shirt, pants and shoes on an overnight trip, you will find the CARRY ON BAG will soon become a necessity for most of your travel needs.

Capacity: 1152 Cu. In.  
Weight: 17 Oz.  
Suggested Retail: \$28<sup>50</sup>

## FLIGHT PACK

We call it a FLIGHT PACK because it fits neatly into the airlines regulations for carry-on baggage. The FLIGHT PACK is made of 11.5 ounce waterproofed cordura nylon with four outside pockets, two zippered for security and two slash pockets for easy entry. The FLIGHT PACK can either be carried by its comfortable leather handle, or carried like a backpack by lengthening 2" webbing straps into shoulder straps. Perfect on so many occasions.

Capacity: 2083 Cu. In.  
Weight: 28 Oz.  
Suggested Retail: \$35<sup>00</sup>

## DUFFLES

DUFFLE BAGS have long been the favorite choice of many experienced travelers. These rugged DUFFLES have a narrow easier-to-carry shape with an extra zippered pocket on one end and a convenient slash pocket on the other. Wilderness Experience® offers two versions of DUFFLES, the STANDARD DUFFLES (top photo), and the DELUXE DUFFLES.

STANDARD DUFFLES are made of an 8 ounce, waterproofed parapak nylon. Leather accessory patches aid in strapping on any extra items you might need to carry. For the person who needs carrying space without the extra frills, the STANDARD DUFFLES will be ideal.

DELUXE DUFFLES are exactly as the name implies. We decided to use an 11.5 ounce, waterproofed cordura nylon. Additional webbing has been added for greater support and stylish appearance. Leather handles that snap closed, create an easy-to-carry package attractive enough to adapt to any situation.

Both STANDARD and DELUXE DUFFLES



utilize smooth running YKK® nylon coil zippers. You will be happily surprised with just how much you can pack into one of these convenient carry-alls.

Small (9x15)  
 Medium (11x20)  
 Large (12x26)  
 Ex Large (14x32)

**Suggested Retail:**

STANDARD	DELUXE
SM \$14 <sup>95</sup>	\$20 <sup>00</sup>
MD \$16 <sup>95</sup>	\$25 <sup>00</sup>
LG \$19 <sup>95</sup>	\$30 <sup>00</sup>
XL \$22 <sup>95</sup>	\$35 <sup>00</sup>







## 747 TRAVEL PACK

Versatility and comfort combine to make our 747 a most desirable traveling companion. Within seconds, the 747 will convert from an attractive piece of cordura luggage with webbing and leather handles, to an internal frame backpack with foam padded back, shoulder straps and waistbelt. When used as luggage, all backpack suspension components are neatly enclosed behind a zippered flap. Access to the large main compartment is easily accomplished through a hefty YKK® #10 coil zipper. Other features include two zippered outside pockets, two slash pockets for convenience, four leather patches and D ring attachments for optional shoulder carrying strap.

	Capacity	Weight
REGULAR	2450 Cu. In.	60 Oz.
LARGE	2760 Cu. In.	66 Oz.
Suggested Retail: \$75 <sup>00</sup>		



## CESSNA

Smaller than the 747, the CESSNA is simply a "prop-version" of what has proven to be one of our most successful pieces of soft luggage. The conversion to a handy rucksack style backpack is identical to that of the 747. We chose our heavy duty 11.5 ounce waterproof cordura to cover the outside of this convenient carry-all. Destined to join the ranks of our most popular products, the CESSNA is our newest addition to the soft luggage line.

Capacity:	2083
Weight:	54
Suggested Retail:	\$45 <sup>00</sup>

# POLARGUARD<sup>®</sup> SLEEPING BAGS



The ultimate purpose of our sleeping bag is thermal insulation. More specifically, to provide an envelope of non-conductive air that may be warmed to a comfortable temperature by the sleeper's own body warmth. Furthermore, a sophisticated sleeping bag will provide other functions that relate to total sleeping comfort. Under this classification come factors of concern beyond simple warmth retention: 1) "Breathability" or the ability to pass moisture due to body perspiration through the bag; 2) "Ventability" or the ability to adjust the warmth retention of the bag to suit prevailing conditions; or 3) Prolonged endurance under severe environmental conditions. Solo<sup>®</sup> bags successfully fill all these requirements. From the outset we at Wilderness Experience<sup>®</sup> committed ourselves to the production of sleeping bags that would challenge the state of the art in construction, workmanship, and materials while providing unparalleled value to the individual who desires the best.

The Solo<sup>®</sup> series of sleeping bags are insulated with Celanese Fortrel<sup>®</sup> Polarguard<sup>®</sup>, a continuous filament polyester. Ten ounce, 8 ounce, and 5.3 ounce batts are sewn in various combinations and layering systems

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each individual bag. Polarguard<sup>®</sup> has been available for over 5 years and its superiority as an insulation for mountaineering equipment has been confirmed by professional mountaineers and weekend backpackers alike.

The advantages of Polarguard<sup>®</sup> include its ability to maintain its loft and retain its insulative ability even when it is saturated. The ability to resist and recover immediately from compressions is a definite plus. With Polarguard<sup>®</sup>, you never have to worry about your bag clumping after coming in contact with moisture.

## SHELL FABRICS

While it is true that the vast majority of lightweight sleeping bags use 1.9 ounce ripstop nylon, the Wilderness Experience<sup>®</sup> design staff concluded that certain newly developed and recently available textiles, show significant performance superiority over the considerably cheaper and more commonly used ripstop. The top

shell of all our bags, with the exception of the Larok I, is 50 denier nyl-silk.

We utilize slightly heavier 70 denier nylon Taffeta for the bottom shell. Although this material is lighter than 1.9 ripstop, it is considerably tougher and less penetrable to moisture.

It is the radically different inner shell of our tri-blend material that has drawn the special attention to our Solo<sup>®</sup> bags. This luxurious, light blue, cotton soft tranyl lining is composed of 25% cotton, 25% polyester and 50% nylon and is woven to have a slight nap that helps trap warm air next to your skin. If you've ever retired to a cold and clammy sleeping bag, you'll be quite impressed with the ability of this lining. It warms quickly without robbing excessive heat from your body surface. Absorbent cotton in the blend offers bare skin comfort you never thought possible in a mountaineering bag.



## SEWING

We feel our products show the deep respect we have for craftsmanship. For us, sewing is a long and hard-learned craft. Every Solo® bag is sewn by a professional with years of sewing experience. For years now, Wilderness Experience® has built a solid reputation for the highest quality sewing.



## DRAFT PROTECTION

An obvious cold spot on any sleeping bag is along the zipper. On all our Solo® bags we have backed the zipper with a wide, thick flap, filled with Polarguard®. We also sew in a light weight stiffener to eliminate as much as possible, the zipper snagging on this draft protection flap.



## YKK® ZIPPERS

Out of all the zippers in the world, we chose the YKK® No. 7 coil zipper for all our Solo® bags. The YKK® No. 7 coil is both light weight and rugged. Any two opposite zip Solo® bags, because of the double pull YKK® zippers, can be zipped together to form a king-size double bed.



## POINT FIVE

The Solo® POINT FIVE is our lightest bag, but quality materials and sophisticated design enable this lightweight bag to provide adequate warmth, to "below freezing". Classically designed and constructed in the time-tested, offset, double quilt configuration with no overlapping quilt lines or sewn through seams anywhere. A full length "side block baffle" is integrated with the side seam and the snag-free draft tube effectively eliminates any cold spots.

This classic mummy style sleeping bag has an adjustable, fully cut hood designed to provide maximum warmth for the vital head area. Our very own, spring loaded cord locks firmly hold this hood section closed to prevent the cold from entering the bag. The POINT FIVE has a two way YKK® coil zipper which allows for the mating of two bags in addition to ample ventilation versatility. The POINT FIVE is an ideal "summer weight" bag with "reserve warmth" for colder nights. A perfect companion for the individual who needs to depend on a lifetime of lightweight warmth.

Suggested Retail: \$89<sup>50</sup> • \$93<sup>50</sup>

## LITE

The 1979 Solo® LITE is the experienced backpacker's all around three-season bag. Designed as a classic modified mummy in order to provide ample interior roominess with a minimum of weight, the LITE will fill the needs of the vast majority of mountain travelers. This year Wilderness Experience® has developed a revolutionary method of sleeping bag construction: the "Tri-channel baffle system". We take advantage of the longitudinal rigidity of Polarguard®, to create three box-shaped dead air channels that increase the effective loft over the body by a significant degree, yielding a total loft of 7.5" to 8" for a loft to weight ratio never before achieved with synthetic insulation in any bag. Each bag is individually cut and assembled to our rigid quality standards using the finest and lightest materials. The 70" two-way, YKK® No. 7 coil zipper is covered by a snag free full length thickly insulated draft tube. Another important feature is a Polarguard® "side block baffle" between the inner and outer side seams to eliminate the possibility of any cold spots.

Suggested Retail: \$98<sup>50</sup> • \$102<sup>00</sup> • \$105<sup>00</sup>



## CORD LOCKS

For the Solo® line of sleeping bags we decided to make our own spring-loaded, 100% nylon cord locks. Stronger than most, these cord locks firmly hold the hood section closed comfortably.



## CLEANING

With the high quality fabrics and insulation materials we use, you'll find that all Solo® sleeping bags can be easily washed and maintained. Complete cleaning instructions are included with every bag.



## STUFF SACKS

Each Solo® sleeping bag comes with a waterproofed nylon STUFF SACK.



## BIGHORN SUMMER

We developed the BIGHORN SUMMER sleeping bag to fill the needs of the recreational camper who wants the ultra fine craftsmanship of a Solo® bag but is looking for a roomier environment. Ideal for a summer night in the mountains, desert, or on the beach, the BIGHORN SUMMER is rated as a 30° bag.

Like the Point Five, this Solo® bag is insulated with two layers of 8 ounce Polarguard® on both the bottom and top. The wider cut of the bag gives you the additional room often desired but not found in the narrower cut of a traditional mummy bag.

This bag is an excellent combination of warmth, weight and sleeping comfort. The outer top shell of the BIGHORN SUMMER is made of 50 denier nyl-silk, a superlight tightly woven nylon. In both Solo® Bighorn bags we've introduced our exotic, cotton soft, light blue tri-blend lining. Tri-blend is a luxurious blend composed of 25% cotton, 25% polyester, and 50% nylon. When a little extra room is worth an additional few ounces, the BIGHORN SUMMER is the comfort connoisseur's choice.

## BIGHORN WINTER

Often there are times you need a sleeping bag that will provide continuous warmth through the coldest of nights and the extra room you desire for additional sleeping comfort. The BIGHORN WINTER was designed for those cold nights when you need a 0° bag. Similar in design to the Bighorn Summer, but with the addition of the "Tri-channel baffled layer," the BIGHORN WINTER is a four-season sleeping bag.

A fully adjustable hood will close tightly with our custom made cord locks, and our protective draft flap parallels the entire length of the zipper to aid in eliminating an obvious cold spot. As in the Bighorn Summer, we've lined the BIGHORN WINTER with a light blue tri-blend. This cotton soft material will end a demanding day of adventure with a rewardingly pleasant night's sleep. Close this bag up with a #7 YKK® coil zipper. Add that Wilderness Experience® craftsmanship and you can see we've created a sleeping bag that surpasses all others in comfort and roominess.

MODEL	LENGTH			CHEST GIRTH		FOOT GIRTH		Fill Weight Ounces	Total Weight	Loft Inches	Ave. Temp. Range	SUGGESTED RETAIL
	Short 5'8"	Reg. 6'0"	Long 6'5"	60"	68"	45"	54"					
POINT FIVE		X		X		X		46	4 lb. 4 oz.	5.5	20°	\$ 89 <sup>50</sup>
POINT FIVE			X	X		X		58	4 lb. 11 oz.	5.5	20°	93 <sup>50</sup>
BIGHORN SUMMER			X		X		X	69	5 lb. 9 oz.	5.5	30°	95 <sup>00</sup>
LITE	X			X		X		55	4 lb. 9 oz.	7.5	ZERO	98 <sup>50</sup>
LITE		X		X		X		63	5 lb. 1 oz.	7.5	ZERO	102 <sup>00</sup>
LITE			X	X		X		70	5 lb. 8 oz.	7.5	ZERO	105 <sup>00</sup>
BIGHORN WINTER			X		X		X	89	6 lb. 10 oz.	7.5	ZERO	115 <sup>00</sup>
EXTREME		X		X		X		76	5 lb. 14 oz.	9	-15°	112 <sup>00</sup>
EXTREME			X	X		X		83	6 lb. 4 oz.	9	-15°	115 <sup>00</sup>
LATOK I GORE-TEX®			X	X		X		60	4 lb. 9 oz.	7	0°	150 <sup>00</sup>

Due to variances in Polarguard®, weights may vary up to 10%.

All Solo® Sleeping Bags include both a stuff sack and storage bags.

All Solo® Sleeping Bags are guaranteed in materials and workmanship for life (excluding Polarguard® and Gore-Tex® which carry a three-year guarantee).



## EXTREME

If you're into winter camping, high altitude mountaineering or any other demanding activity that requires that you spend nights in the extreme cold, the Solo® Extreme is definitely your bag. By using a modified and slightly more sophisticated version of our exclusive "Tri-channel Baffle system" in conjunction with seven layers of Polarguard®, we yielded an incredible 8.5 to 9 inches of total loft. Every detail of this bag has been thoroughly engineered to provide vital protection from intense cold. A free running YKK® two-way No. 7 coil zipper is covered by a super-thick full length snag free draft tube and the opposite side seams are insulated with an integrated Polarguard® baffle. Just in case you're the type that doesn't like to sleep alone, the EXTREME is available in both a right and left zipper so you can zip two bags together. Other features include a generous hood section with cordlock and velcro closures. Individual hand cutting and overlock edge stabilization makes the Solo® EXTREME a perfect blend of old world craftsmanship and space age material.

Suggested Retail: \$112<sup>00</sup> • \$115<sup>00</sup>

## LATOK I

The LATOK I was engineered for superior performance under the most adverse conditions. This is an all out bag for expeditionary use, incorporating our most advanced design features, but with total emphasis on efficiency. To begin, we've reduced the internal volume of the bag resulting in: 1) less weight per unit of loft; 2) less air to heat, so less energy is wasted; 3) less bulk when stuffed. Next we fitted the LATOK I with a half length zipper. This created greater insulation with less weight. We have developed a reliable edge stabilization process which allows us to use a special Gore-Tex® outer shell without quilting through the fabric. The result is, virtually, a waterproof protective covering that envelops the entire bag, providing dry comfort under cold, wet conditions and yet allows body vapors to escape naturally through the micropores of the Gore-Tex®. Insulation consists of 5 layers of Polarguard® utilizing our exclusive "Tri-channel Baffle system". Other features include a total nylsilk internal shell, full "side block" insulation and generous snag free draft tube to insure freedom from cold spots.

Suggested Retail: \$150<sup>00</sup>

# CLOTHING

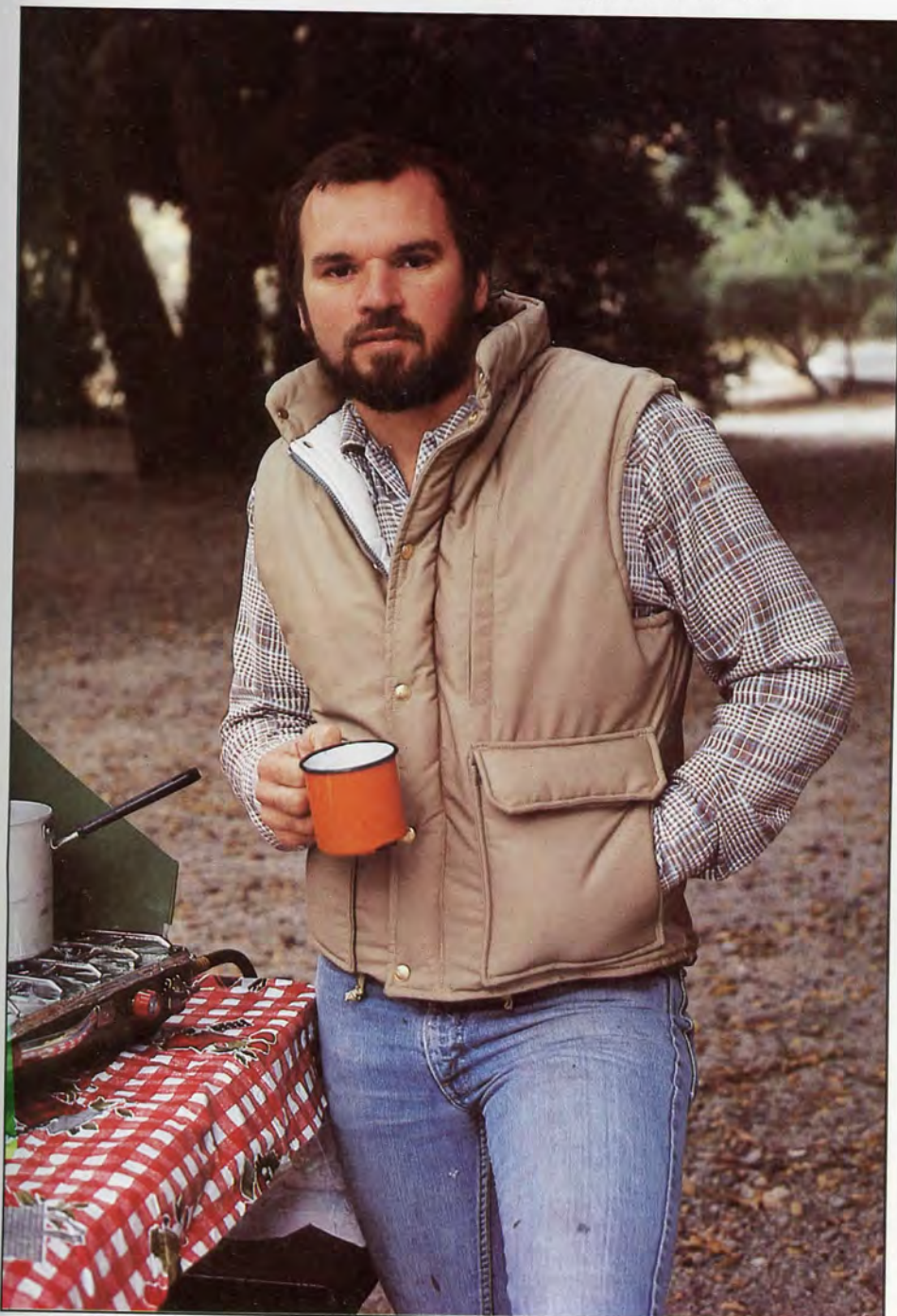




## EL DORADO

Perfectly designed for the person who enjoys the outdoors, the EL DORADO vest is a combination of comfortable warmth and that well known Wilderness Experience® craftsmanship. We decided to insulate the EL DORADO with Celanese Fortrel® Polarguard®, a continuous filament insulation. We carefully quilted the Polarguard® to a densely woven nylon taffeta. Each quilt line is offset 3½ inches so that there is an unbroken layer of Polarguard® surrounding your torso. A double pull smoothly running YKK® zipper and an insulated draft flap that overlaps the zipper from the hem to the thick stand-up collar are only a couple of features that separate the EL DORADO from conventional vests. To assure that extra measure of sealing out the cold, we have closed our insulated draft flap with five custom made Solo® snaps from the hem to the collar. Finally, for the money, there is no reason to settle for a lesser quality vest.

Suggested Retail: \$38<sup>50</sup>



## CIMARRON

Most people immediately comment on the exceptional good looks of our CIMARRON vest. The insulation is Celanese Fortrel® Polarguard®, quilted to a luxurious tri-blend of cotton, polyester and nylon. The CIMARRON sports such stylish features as two way cargo/handwarmer pockets with Velcro® closures and Polarguard®



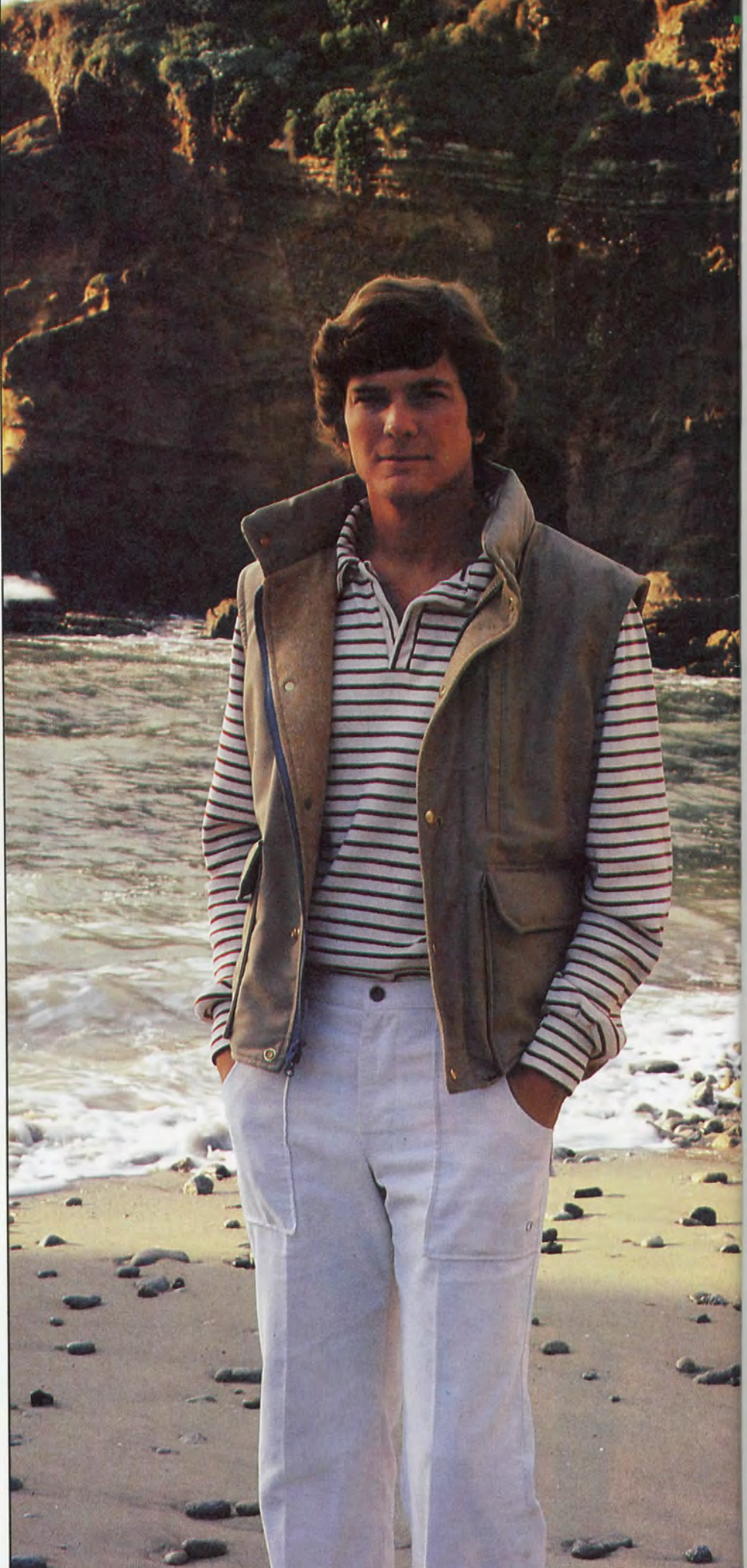
insulation to ensure thermal protection for your hands. A handy zippered slash pocket over the chest is ideal for storing those small but important items. We use a combined front closure of snaps and a YKK® double pull zipper with an insulated draft flap for complete wind protection. We hope you are as pleased with the stylish good looks of the CIMARRON as we are.

Suggested Retail: \$47<sup>50</sup>

## CHEYENNE VEST

This good looking vest was designed for those who enjoy freedom of movement but prefer less bulk than our warmer Polarguard insulated vest. The CHEYENNE is the ideal choice for around town or at home comfort. Worn over a light shirt the CHEYENNE takes the chill out of the air whether worn open or zipped up. The CHEYENNE offers features similar to our Cimmaron vest, with Velcro® closed handwarmer/cargo pockets and a handy zippered chest pocket. Made from the same windproof cotton/polyester blend, the CHEYENNE is stylishly lined with a layer of specially woven 100% pure virgin wool. Cut extra long in the back to protect the sensitive kidney area, the CHEYENNE also has a draw string at the waist for sealing in extra warmth. For those brisk afternoons, the CHEYENNE offers warmth and tailored good looks.

Suggested Retail: \$45<sup>00</sup>





## THE CAPE HORN

When extreme conditions demand a sophisticated and reliable parka, the Solo® CAPE HORN by Wilderness Experience® is the obvious choice of knowledgeable mountaineers. Constructed of the very finest materials available, the CAPE HORN's inner and outer shells are of an extremely dense nylon taffeta. The CAPE HORN is double-quilted with Celanese Fortrel® Polarguard®. All quilt lines are offset by 3½ inches, providing a lofty, uninterrupted double layer of Polarguard in the body, shoulders, and arms.

The Polarguard®-filled draft flap covers the front opening and effectively shuts off drafts across the heavy-duty YKK® two-way zipper. Bartacks reinforce key



stress points on the zipper and on the combination cargo/handwarmer pockets. These pockets are also insulated with Polarguard® and close securely with Velcro® fasteners.

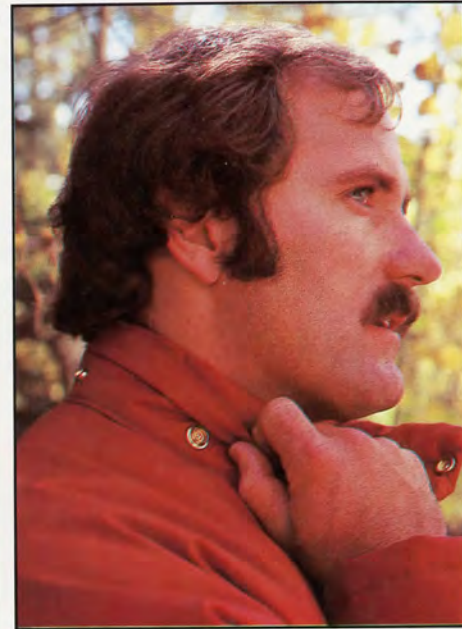
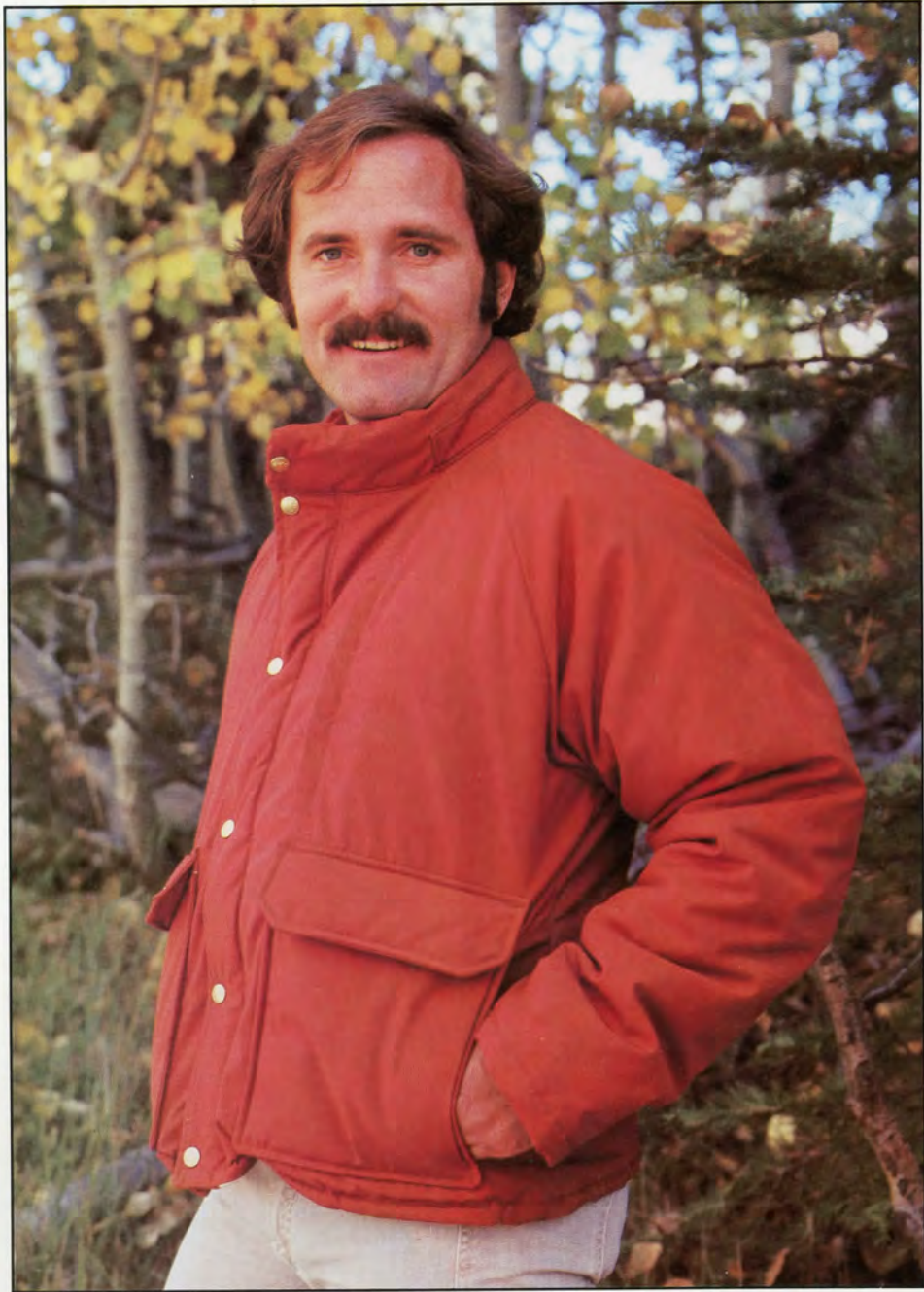
Our exclusive hood mounting system permits attachment of the hood without compression of the vital neck insulation, as well as hiding the snaps when a hood is not in use. As you can see the Solo® CAPE HORN is the ultimate parka for the person who is serious about "quality warmth".

Suggested Retail: \$72<sup>50</sup>

## THE KHYBER

Versatility and attractive styling best describe the Solo® KHYBER by Wilderness Experience®. This new, shorter length jacket is insulated with Du Pont® Holofil II, a down-like synthetic insulation. We loaded the KHYBER with features difficult to find in other jackets. An adjustable tailorfit waistline secures with our own cordlocks. Our exclusive hood attachment system that is concealed when not in use, and a handy slash pocket over the chest for carrying your sunglasses are just a couple of extras you'll find on the KHYBER. Convenient dual purpose cargo/handwarmer pockets ensure an extra warmth for your hands and an additional storage compartment for those easy to lose items. The KHYBER is available in three colors: rust, navy blue and tan. Definitely the jacket to buy when you're looking for function and style, the KHYBER will bring years of warmth and wearing pleasure.

Suggested Retail: \$78<sup>50</sup>





## THE TAMERLANE

Tamerlane of old was a rugged warrior who showed no fear and stood up to any situation. These same qualities can be attributed to the new Solo® TAMERLANE by Wilderness Experience®. We have quilted Celanese Fortrel® Polarguard® to our fine lining fabrics of a cotton/nylon/polyester blend and a nylon taffeta in the sleeves to insure warmth and comfort. The smooth outer shell of our specially blended Wilderness Cascade cloth is designed for wind and rain resistance, as well as stylish good looks. The two-way YKK® zipper is bartack reinforced and covered by a Polarguard® filled draft flap. In combination with the zipper, special Solo® snaps are also used. Our exclusive hood attachment system allows us to set the snaps in a manner that does not compress the insulation in the vital neck area, while hiding the actual snaps when a hood is not being used. Combination hand-warmer/cargo pockets are equipped with Velcro® fasteners. A zippered chest pocket for small items perfects the TAMERLANE.

Suggested Retail: \$82<sup>50</sup>

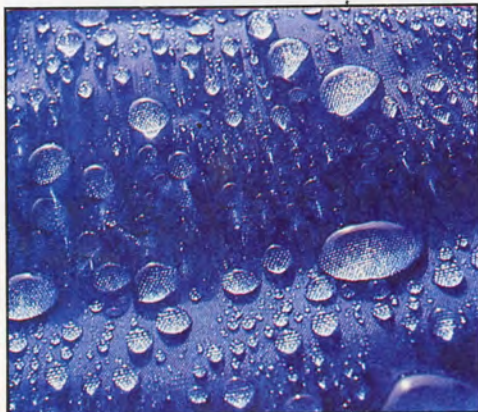


## THE BLUE MAX

For 1979, Wilderness Experience® is proud to begin production of the BLUE MAX, the most advanced outer garment for the extreme grade Alpinist. We have gone all out on this limited edition parka to provide superior protection on long ascents and extended bivouacs. The outer shell is cut from unquilted Gore-tex® and sewn with a minimum of seams to provide optimum waterproofness and wind repellency. Insulation consists of two layers of 8 ounce Polarguard®, the inner layer is quilted to a tightly woven nylon taffeta, while the outer layer is unquilted for maximum loft. Extra thick Polarguard® inserts, provide increased protection for the critical shoulders and upper back.

Other outstanding features include a specially designed draw cord that closes down the inner-shell yet will not compress the insulation in the vital lower back area. Three multi-purpose pockets and our unique mounting system for the optional Gore-tex® hood round out this highly specialized garment.

Suggested Retail: \$120<sup>00</sup>





## HOOD

Fashionably styled and functionally practical, this Polarguard® insulated HOOD is designed to fit all four of the Solo® jackets. Available in matching materials and colors, this Solo® HOOD will warmly top off any fine Solo® jacket.

Suggested Retail: \$14<sup>50</sup>

BLUE-MAX HOOD: \$18<sup>00</sup>



## MITTS

Solo® MITTS are the perfect solution on those cold nights when your hands are looking for a little warmth. These Polarguard® insulated MITTS extend over your wrists and lower forearm to ensure complete coverage of exposed skin, and are equipped with two Velcro® adjustment straps to aid in fit and ventilation.

Suggested Retail: \$25<sup>00</sup>



## BOOTIES

Solo® Polarguard® BOOTIES are just about the best thing you can do for cold feet. Two layers of Celanese Fortrel® Polarguard® in the upper, and ensolite closed cell foam covered with a layer of Polarguard® in the sole, will keep your feet cozy around the camp. The outside is tough, tightly woven nylon taffeta, with a waterproofed cordura sole which extends up the side for extra abrasion resistance. It is lined with soft, comfortable tri-blend. A secure fit is assured with elastic at the ankle and a locking drawcord at the top. Perfect for around the house, cabin, or in a tent, the Solo® BOOTIES will definitely find a place in your heart and on your feet.

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