

Fun in the Sun

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Colorado may be a landlocked state, but that doesn't keep us from the water. Whether it's kayaking on the Arkansas or diving into a cold mountain lake, we're as splash-splash as the next girl. Give us a day that starts with a wide-brimmed hat and ends with a long cold beer, and throw in some sun sports in between and we'll forget all about having to hang up our skis and snowboards for the season.

What women's gear really sizzles this summer? Read on for the stuff that has us all hot and bothered.

1. TIFOSI OPTICS DEA SUNGLASSES

The DEA combines the runway model look of oversized glasses with the function you need for sports, all tailored for narrower facial features. And it works—the lenses provide 100 percent UVA and UVB protection. ▶ **GIRL POWER:** Get 'em in white; it's hot this summer, which is unfortunate for cycling shorts, but sweet for sunglasses. **\$60; tifsoptics.com**

2. PISTIL DESIGNS NELLIE SUNHAT

The XX-chromosomal *Elevation Outdoors* staff dubbed Nellie the raddest summer hat in the history of the universe. Made of lightweight woven raffia with an open air pattern at the top of the crown, it's also the coolest hat. The pliable brim is moldable so that it can be curled up or flattened out. We say curl it up and kick it cowgirl style. ▶ **GIRL POWER:** Nellie bounces back pretty well after being crammed into a pack. **\$38; pistildesigns.com**

3. PATAGONIA AMAIA DRESS

For those whose only pack one dress that must excel at tree-climbing, fish filleting, and long, sticky-hot drives, behold the Amaia. Made from organic cotton with subtle textured stripes and printing, this sexy little number is as light as a first kiss. Gathered shoulder straps cross to a feminine V-neck and the drawstring empire waist with delicate pleats secures with side ties. ▶ **GIRL POWER:** Comes in two tropical patterns in addition to the Northern Lights color shown. **\$100; patagonia.com**

4. CLIF DARK CHOCOLATE WALNUT NECTAR BAR

It's a crime that hot, summer sun and silky, sensual chocolate just don't mix. Enter Clifbar. Toss one of these babies into your pack for chocolate that melts in your mouth, not in your hand. Made with dates, walnuts, unsweetened chocolate, cocoa and vanilla, this simple bar is a pure and healthy indulgence. ▶ **GIRL POWER:** Made with 100 percent organic yummys. **\$1.39; clifbar.com**

5. KOR ONE HYDRATION VESSEL

This could be the sexiest water bottle we've ever seen. But that's beside the point. Save yourself and the world from harmful plastics in favor of a smart clean design that's PBA-free. The wide mouth and one-handed hinge opening will win over even the crustiest gear curmudgeon. ▶ **GIRL POWER:** KOR donates 1 percent of its sales to nonprofits that focus on water-related issues. **\$29.95; korwater.com**

