

Back-To-School Backpacks

1) REI Backpacks -- 1 pack for elementary school, 1 for high school.

These are attractive, well-made, durable (and inexpensive) backpacks from the famed camping gear manufacturer and distributor, REI. They're made from recycled plastic bottles (each pack keeps 44 bottles out of the landfill).

SMALL BACKPACKS-

Younger kids can't wait to grow up and this backpack will help without giving them a lot of weight to carry around. Main compartment opens wide with a U-shaped zipper for easy stashing of a child's favorite snacks and a jacket. Front zippered pocket provides storage for found treasures, sunglasses or favorite gizmos and gadgets. Three large rivet lash points provide attachment points for items such as lip balm, bell and safety flasher. Padded shoulder straps help to evenly distribute the pack's load.

Shoulder straps have an adjustable sternum strap with an integrated orange safety whistle in buckle.

Best fits kids 4 - 6 yrs. Old

LARGER BACKPACK from REI

Largely made from 100% recycled PET, each pack keeps 44 16-oz. plastic bottles out of landfills. Dedicated rear laptop pocket is fully padded and sits up from bottom of pack so laptop won't hit ground when setting it down and it fits almost all notebook computers. Fully adjustable and padded, women-specific sculpted shoulder straps feature soft edges for load-carrying comfort and wide yoke area for chest room. Zippered side pocket for your MP3/CD player, sits close to hips for easy use on the go.

Side mesh pocket stores of bus pass, snacks, liter-size water bottle and other often-accessed items. Every panel of pack is padded for 360 degrees of protection.

REI Backpacks

For kids: \$25.00

For older kids: \$75.00

North Face Vault Backpack

North Face Vault

It's a Basic daypack for a day on the job or the trail. There is a large main compartment holds both books, bunders or laptops. There is a convenient front accessory pocket with organizer and key clip. There is a comfortable foam backpanel. The carry handle and reflective patch for enhanced nighttime visibility, which will make parents feel better. It has a water resistant finish to survive wear and tear.

North Face Vault
about \$30.00

Jansport Mesh Backpack

Jansport Mesh Pack (in black)

The Mesh Pack by JanSport is a light, breezy all-nylon mesh that allows your sweaty gym clothes dry out. Larger and more versatile than the 2007 Mesh Pack, the new version is handier and trendier than ever! This bag is great if you need to meet visibility requirements, with it's polyester mesh the Mesh Pack allows for objects to be clearly seen. Features one large main compartment, front utility pocket with organizer and hanging pocket.

Jansport Mesh Pack
about \$20.00

Jansport Superbreak

- One large main compartment
- Tuck-away shoulder straps to convert to backpack
- Corner-mounted inline skate wheels for stable, controlled motion
- Corner guards and skid rails for added protection
- Front utility pocket keeps essentials handy
- Retractable three-stage molded rubber handle
- Padded grab handle

Price about \$70.00

Kelty Red Tail 1800 Backpack

Kelty Red Tail 1800 Backpack Designed for trail and in town adventures alike, the Kelty Red Tail 1800 is a versatile day-use backpack. Sleek and steady enough for all terrain off trail climbing, the Red Tail is organized enough for a briefcase alternative, and sturdy enough to be a book bag. Built to keep heavy loads stable and designed to remain bulk free, the pack boasts Delrin arch support that maintains the pack's shape even when empty, as well as side compression straps, a removable webbing waistbelt, and a sternum strap. Whether you are loading up with books, files, or gear and a hydration system, this all season bag is ready to go when you are.

Kelty Red Tail 1800 Backpack

about \$70.00

Ortlieb USA Velocity This model has the great looks of a messenger bags while retaining it's identity as a backpack. Ortlieb was one of the first makers of quality messenger bags. Based out of Europe this company has recently started manufacturing for the US and this is it's first backpack entry into the market. It has a rolltop, a vented and foamed back for comfort, and a waist strap for weight distribution.

Ortlieb Velocity

about \$110.00

Rickshaw Bag Works-Bottles to Bag-This bag, like the REI is also made from 100% recycled materials. More specifically, plastic bottles. What makes this different from the REI? A lot of older kids, college students and graduate students love messenger bags, the look is cool. And these bags offer recycled material, a removable computer sleeve, a padded handle and a waterproof bottom.

Rickshaw Bag Works

Bottles to Bags

about \$180.00

Burton Ipod Amp

Burton IPOD/AMP Burton rigged the Audex iPod Amp Pack so that you get wireless control of your iPod. Stash your iPod in this pack's fleece-lined pocket and carry it on your back. When you want some tuneage, use the included Audex Removable Radio Frequency Control Pad (a fancy phrase for remote control) to play, pause, stop, and track back or forward. You can even turn up the volume on your securely stowed iPod. The remote has its own pocket, so you won't forget it on your friend's couch. This Burton Audex pack also carries your laptop for more media options. You need a Generation 3 or newer iPod with a docking connector to use this pack's wireless features.

Burton Ipod Amp Pack

about \$150.00