

HELLO,
SUMMER!

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In today's world in which technology rules, it would be easy to consider picnics and family camping outings as relics of simpler, bygone days, but nothing could be further from the truth. Today's technology has expanded our opportunities to spend time outdoors in full comfort. There are many gadgets and accessories that make for luxurious summer picnicking and 'glamping' whether at the lake, on the beach or anywhere you want to enjoy the comforts of home with a side of fresh air, toes in the sand and starry nights.

TABLETOP PIZZA OVEN

The Uuni Pro tabletop oven is the ultimate tool for your outdoor cooking needs. It's fueled with wood kindling as well as charcoal, reaching temperatures of 932°F in just 20 minutes. It takes only 60 seconds to cook a 16-inch pizza, and you can also roast meats, fish, vegetables, bake bread and more. Fire it up in your backyard, at your favorite campsite or at the beach! www.uuni.net



PORTABLE BAR

The Madison Wooden Tabletop Bar Tool Set features

19 indispensable stainless-steel tools ranging from a
mixing glass to a muddler, jigger, cutting board and even
garnish picks, housed in a cherry-stained acacia wood storage
box with a pull-out drawer. Now, you can make craft cocktails
like this award-winning recipe for the 2018 Official Drink of
Austin (see Arts & Culture Spotlight, page 65, for more details)
anywhere you please. www.kegworks.com

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MIX IT YOURSELF

TOWN LAKE YACHT CLUB

The 2018 Official Drink of Austin, www.austinfoodwinealliance.org

.75oz Cynar 70

.75oz Italicus Rosolio

.5oz Waterloo Gin

.5oz Strawberry Preserves (a carton of strawberries cooked down in a 2:1 simple syrup, strain out solids; or muddle fresh strawberries with .5oz of simple syrup.)

.25oz Lemon Juice

.25oz Lime Juice

2 slices of orange (muddled)

Build all ingredients in a shaker tin with 2 muddled orange slices. Strain over crushed ice, top with Topo

Chico, and garnish with a mint sprig, half a strawberry and an orange slice.





PORTABLE

FOLDING FIRE PIT

STARGAZE™ RECLINER LUXURY CHAIR

WILLIAMS-SONOMA® WICKER PICNIC BASKET

In a classic French-inspired design, the woven willow basket holds everything you need to host an elegant picnic for four, including porcelain plates, handblown wine glasses, linens and serving essentials for food, wine and coffee. An insulated cooler and wine duffel keep food and beverages cold, while thermal mugs are perfect for soup or hot drinks. Oui, s'il yous plait! www.williams-sonoma.com

VICTORY™ PICNIC BLANKET

This high-end blanket is perfect for beaches, picnics, concerts or the floor of your tent. Its flannel top is padded for comfort, while the waterproof bottom resists dirt, sand and water. It features a nifty privacy pocket to store personal items that can be flipped underneath the blanket for security at the beach or park. It also has corner loops to keep it anchored and integrated straps and carry handle. www.nemoequipment.com

STARGAZE™ RECLINER LUXURY CHAIR

Finally, a camping chair designed to allow the swinging motion of a hammock, with no hanging required! Since it's suspended on an engineered aluminum frame, it works on any surface and features a pulley system that allows you to lay back or sit up. It's truly portable, lightweight and breathable, and includes pockets for a beverage and media. www.nemoequipment.com

WIRELESS PROJECTOR

The PIQS Virtual Touch Projector allows you to project anything practically anywhere with perfect clarity, even while camping. Unlike flat screen televisions, it can easily be moved outdoors to project on your backyard wall or rooftop deck and control it all from your phone. www.piqs-store.com

PORTABLE FOLDING FIRE PIT

This polished copper fire bowl is as practical as it is handsome; perfect for all your outdoor adventures from tailgating to camping. The stand folds for easy transport in its custom carry bag, and it also includes a spark screen and lift tool to prevent accidents. www.hayneedle.com