

**SLUSH FUND** A Euro-Pro Professional Slushie Maker lets you serve up icy frozen drinks that are just like the convenience-store ones everyone loves. This home version churns out perfect-consistency drinks without stray chunks of ice. Options range from fruit-laden treats to tequila-laced margaritas. Or, for a refreshing A.M. caffeine jolt, try a cold coffee slushie. Recipes are included. \$40, [bedbathandbeyond.com](http://bedbathandbeyond.com).



**MUSIC TO YOUR EARS** Given that it costs well under \$50, you'll be pleasantly surprised by the crisp, clear sound that blasts from this portable, inexpensive little i.Sound speaker system. Just seat your iPod or mp3 player in the slot, then get into the groove. \$30 for the 2x model, [isoundusa.com](http://isoundusa.com).

**BOXED IN** No matter how much gear you have to lug from the car to the beach, the new Go Box Express from Thule will significantly lighten your load. This handy helper rolls on oversized wheels, has a comfy padded pull handle and plenty of exterior pockets to stash small items. When not needed, it folds up neatly for storage in a closet or the trunk. \$100, [thule.com](http://thule.com).



**BATTER UP!** This electronic pitching machine turns your backyard into a Little Leaguer's field of dreams. It's height-adjustable to suit sluggers of every size and lobs a pitch every 10 seconds; a red light flashes when a ball is about to fly. A 27-inch collapsible bat and 8 plastic baseballs are included. \$30, [etoys.com](http://etoys.com).



**PUP TENT** The name—2-Seconds Tent—may sound too good to be true, but it lives up to the hype: This waterproof, two-person shelter unfolds in a flash and requires no poles or tethers. It's campsite-worthy for sure, but setup is such a breeze, you'll let the kids commandeer it for a backyard fort. \$70, [decathlonent.com](http://decathlonent.com).

