



What to buy

2016 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

TEENAGERS

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In some ways, teens are easy to buy gifts for because they may just want cash, but that's not much fun for you. They also may want something offensive, provocative, violent, or too expensive, but that is also not a lot of fun. Here are a few ideas for

you to find your "no one understands me" teenager something for the holiday. Some of these are teenager must-haves, while others are completely gratuitous and unnecessary.

— **IGNAZIO MESSINA**, BLADE STAFF WRITER

▼ Fujifilm instax mini 8

Available at Target, Best Buy, many other stores, and online, including Amazon.com, this camera, which comes in several colors, uses film packs (not included) to instantly provide your teen with photos. This is the new take on the old Polaroid. **\$59.99 on sale at Best Buy or \$54.99 on Amazon.**



▼ Hoverboards

Disregard safety and get a cool hoverboard you can steal later from your kid. They are basically skateboard/Segway hybrids. **Target, Walmart, and Kohl's** all carry various hoverboards. **The Razor Hovertrax 2.0 Hoverboard Self-Balancing Smart Scooter** is on sale at **Walmart** for **\$398**. The age range is listed at 8 to 11, but that's hogwash. University of Toledo students have used these on campus, although they're cracking down.



▼ Urban Decay Naked Eyeshadow Palette

For teens interested in makeup, this is a popular and high-quality choice that has a wide range of colors to create a variety of looks. There are multiple color palettes. Select the right one for your girl. **\$54 at Macy's, Sephora, and Ulta Beauty.**



▲ Netflix subscription

They will want this. It costs **\$7.99, \$9.99, or \$11.99** a month depending on the service you choose. The first month is free. Plus, you get to use it too.



▲ Toledo Zoo experience

Premium Tours and Experiences, \$50-\$55, which include the elephant training session and tour, rhino tour, octopus encounter with aquarium tour, and red panda feed and tour. The elephant training session, for example, allows people to learn about care practices and see the true intelligence of the animals. Also consider the **Aerial Adventure Course**, which includes an assortment of activities including a simple scenic option, physically challenging obstacles, and adrenaline-rushing adventures. The zoo's zipline starts 80 feet above the Africa! exhibit and allows patrons to coast more than 760 feet across giraffes, watusi cattle, wildebeests, and other animals. **The Challenge Course ticket includes the Aerial Adventure Course and Zipline experience. It costs \$30 per participant for zoo members and \$40 per participant for nonmembers.**



▲ Drones

There are a lot of drones to choose from ranging from **\$99** to more than **\$1,000**. **The Protocol — Galileo Stealth Drone** with remote controller, which comes in green/black, will cost **\$279.99 at Best Buy**. It has six-axis motion-sensitive auto stabilizers, a built-in camera that streams high-definition video, multidirectional controls, and two speeds. A few were left in stock at the Toledo store, but you can also order online or choose from one of the other models.



▲ Herschel backpacks

This now-ubiquitous heritage backpack brand is popular among teens, college students, and Millennials. Based in Vancouver, Herschel makes backpacks, duffel bags, luggage, hats, and other accessories. The backpacks range from **\$60** to about **\$100** and can be found at major retailers like **Macy's** but also **Zumiez** in the mall and **herchel-supply.com**.



▲ Beats Solo2 On-Ear Headphones

Beats Solo is designed with fine-tuned acoustics that will allow your teen to tune you out. This model, available at **Kohl's**, costs **\$199.99**. It has a color-matched RemoteTalk cable, adjusts the volume, and even takes calls, all without having to reach for the device. The brand has wireless or not wireless (go for wireless).



▲ iPhone 7

Splurge on your teens and buy the **iPhone 7 Plus** with a 5.5-inch display. You know they want this (especially if they are walking around with flip phones or even if they have the previous version). This will cost you at least **\$37.41** a month with the iPhone upgrade program, or pay **\$769** up front. The 4.7-inch display phone will cost you **\$649**. Visit the **Apple store** at the Franklin Park Mall or go to **apple.com/iphone-7**.



▲ Nike Roshe Shoes

A lot of teens this year have asked for these shoes. They come in many colors for boys and girls. Expect to spend at least **\$80**, but they range from about **\$50** to more than **\$100**. They can be found almost anywhere sneakers are sold, including **Dick's Sporting Goods** and **Foot Locker**.

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