

New stuff to make day at the beach a breeze

BEFORE YOU VENTURE ONTO YOUR FAVORITE SANDY RETREAT, CHECK OUT THESE PRODUCTS DESIGNED TO MAKE YOUR VACATION A REAL TREAT.

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SKIN CARE

If you must sun, you must sunscreen. Banana Boat's Suntanicals line combines sunscreen and post-sun lotion with aloe vera, chamomile and lavender.

\$5.99-\$7.99. Multiple retailers; www.bananaboat.com.

PICNIC BLANKET

Big enough for two, but packs up small with attached Velcro closure.

60 inches x 60 inches. \$19.99. World Market (various locations); www.worldmarket.com.

PICNIC TOTE

Wearing your food has never looked so good. A cheese board and spreader, plates, utensils, salt and pepper shakers and a wine key are just a few of the amenities packed into the stylish Picnic at Ascot backpack.

\$79. Cooking Uptown, Hawthorne and Seventh streets, (704) 333-7300; www.cookinguptown.com; Sharon Luggage & Gifts (various locations), (877) 754-6654, www.sharonluggage.com.

BEACH TOYS

Kids of all ages love these water toys, and in a pinch, they double as instant coolers:

