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What's Inside...

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Top Tech Gift Ideas for 2023

We've searched for the top tech-related gifts this year and here are some of the most popular choices around the web:

- Apple AirTag
- Tile Pro
- Apple AirPods Pro
- Garmin Vivoactive 5 Smartwatch
- Apple Watch Ultra 2
- Apple Watch Series 9
- Google Pixel Watch 2
- Portable speakers
- Garmin Dash Cam Mini

- Amazon's Smart Thermostat
- Apple iPad Pro
- Google Pixel Tablet
- Amazon Kindle Paperwhite
- Oura Ring 3
- Smart LED Strip Lights
- Twelve South HoverBar Duo
- Backbone One Game Controller

The Network Guy Quiz Challenge

PenTeleData is giving one lucky winner a $150 Amazon Gift Card. Just visit **www.ptd.net/quiz-challenge** by **December 31, 2023** to answer the contest question. We will select a winner at random from all correct entries. **Good Luck!**

Click the Quiz Challenge link and choose which is NOT true about online shopping.

Learn from The Network Guy

It's time to do my Christmas shopping and I'd like to make most of my purchases on-line. Is there anything important I should know?

The Network Guy:

That's a great question! The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) published some tips for finding the best deals while shopping as safely as possible:

Read Reviews with a Critical Eye Expert reviews from trusted websites are a good place to get information about what to buy and who to hire.

Comparison Shopping To comparison shop for a product, make notes of the item's manufacturer or model number, plus details like size, color, or shipping fees.

Read the Seller's Information about Shipping and Delivery Many sites offer tracking options, so you can see exactly where your purchase is and an estimate when you'll get it.

Check the Seller's Refund and Return Policies The site should say whether you can return the item for a full refund.

Pay by Credit Card Make sure the websites where you enter payment information uses encryption to protect your information during your transaction.

Keep Records When you buy something online, be sure to keep information about the company name and website; what you ordered, the date you ordered it, and what you paid; the seller's return policy; ; all email, text, and other communication you have with the company.

Check the Site's Privacy Policy The privacy policy should let you know what personal information the site is collecting, why it's being collected, and how it'll be used.

Things That Make You Go Hmmm...

Since the year 2000, the International Space Station has played host to numerous different astronauts from around the world. Due to all those different nationalities being present in the same place, Christmas aboard the ISS has become a hub of multiculturalism, showcasing all the different ways people on Earth celebrate the season. In some cases, the crew can celebrate Christmas several times a year due to certain regions prioritizing different days during the holidays.

While there are certain things you have to go without on the ISS during Christmastime, a visit from Santa isn't one of them. During the 2010 Christmas season, the crew in the American section of the ISS awoke to discover a load of presents outside each of their doors. However, the most interesting part was that none of those on board had brought the gifts with them. Does that mean Santa Claus can get on board the ISS? Not quite. The gift packages are prepared on Earth, with each crew member's family putting gifts and messages into the container, along with some personalized socks. The gifts are then launched onto the ISS with an earlier expedition to give the crew a Christmas surprise.

It's not uncommon to find people celebrating with some alcohol around this time of year. However, if you happen to be one of those select few who are spending the holiday season aboard the International Space Station (ISS), you probably won't have the option. While rumors have spread that Russian crewmembers have smuggled vodka onto the base, it's doubtful that these rumors are true. The ISS's water recycling system is very delicate and would be overwhelmed by any amount of alcohol.

If you've ever seen the Christmas film Deck the Halls, starring Matthew Broderick and Danny DeVito, then you'll be familiar with this fact. In the movie, DeVito's character tries to make his house visible from space with a huge Christmas lights display. The film inspired researchers at the University of Leicester, so they decided to figure out exactly how many lights you'd need. The magic number for your house to be visible from the ISS would be 2,683 LED lights. Researchers calculated the number using the average luminosity of store-bought LED Christmas lights but admitted that the number also relies on there being no light pollution at all, which is highly unlikely.

Source: https://www.space.com/christmas-space-facts

> "Life doesn't give us purpose. We give life purpose."
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> *– The Flash (Barry Allen)*

PenTeleData is Proud to Serve the Panther Valley Area

The Panther Valley School District serves parts of Carbon and Schuylkill County and is comprised of students from Summit Hill, Lansford, Coaldale, and Nesquehoning.

Summit Hill is a beautiful community located in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Carbon County. The elevation of Summit Hill is 1600 feet above sea level. The hilltop community was founded in 1791 by a hunter named Philip Ginder when he discovered Anthracite coal on Sharp Mountain, now called Summit Hill. Summit Hill is also known for being the birthplace of the Switchback gravity railroad. It was the first gravity railroad in the United States. The town of Lansford is located 12 miles from the popular tourist town of Jim Thorpe. The Valley, aka "Panther Valley," in which Lansford resides, was owned and subdivided into separate lots by the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company which began development of structures in this area by 1827.

Lansford saw growth with the development of local anthracite coal mines. The origins of the "Molly Maguires" begin in this town. It was named after Asa Lansford Foster who was a known advocate for merging small towns that developed around these coal mines. Today, the No. 9 Coal Mine serves as the world's largest coal mine tour and attraction.

The beginning of Coaldale (Coal Dale) dates back to the year 1827, when John Moser and his wife settled there. Moser was born on May 24, 1805, in Tamaqua and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burkart Moser, the original settlers of Tamaqua. Upon arriving at Coaldale, John Moser built a log cabin on the north side of what was known as the Manila Grove Park. At present, the Coaldale Hospital is located on this very site. After building the cabin, Moser cleared the land for the purpose of raising products for his own use. His principal occupation was hauling coal and timber to Tamaqua. This continued until about 1887 when he vacated his farm due to the fact that a coal company possessed his land and began the building of a breaker for the purpose of preparing coal. This breaker was known as Number 12 and was owned by Lehigh Navigation & Coal Co. He made his next home with his grandson John Barrett and during his stay with his grandson he went into the dairy business. In the year 1888, he was appointed as the first tax collector of Rahn Township. Before becoming a borough, Coaldale belonged to Rahn Township. At that time, it included the area of Coal Dale, Owl Creek, Number Eleven, and Seek. In 1906, the prominent men of Coaldale held a meeting for the purpose of organizing a borough. The borough was organized in June of 1906.

Nesquehoning was established in 1974 after it had been previously part of Mauch Chunk Township. Its name is Native American, which has been translated to mean: "narrow valley" or "at the black lick," which was a reference to mineral licks frequently visited by local wildlife. It is also located 3 miles west of Jim Thorpe and 4 miles northeast of Lansford. It can be divided into four neighborhoods: Nesquehoning Village, New Columbus, Old Hauto and Lake Hauto. Like its other neighboring towns in Panther Valley, it was established as a result of the anthracite coal mining industry.

Panther Valley School District

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