




Twin Cities Outdoors
Presents

Holiday *Gift Guide*

2022 Edition

A collection of gift ideas from
Twin Cities independent outdoor businesses
for the outdoor lovers in your life





Dear Outdoor-Loving Friend,

Our main mission at Twin Cities Outdoors is to get more people outside more often in our local parks and campgrounds, and on our local trails and waterways.

We make it easy for people like you who love to bike, hike, paddle, cross country ski, snowshoe or camp to find places near them for these activities.

We also believe in “shop local.” If you like that, too, this **Holiday Gift Guide** is for you!

The Guide features outdoor businesses that are locally owned and operated. They’re all within an hour’s drive of the Twin Cities. Some sell products you’ll use in the outdoors. Some offer guided tours or skills classes. Some rent outdoor gear.

Some just do business locally, some do business all over the world. Some are a team of one, some are a team of 50 or more. All of them work hard to bring their customers the best products or services they can provide.

As you read through this Holiday Gift Guide, we hope you find something for every outdoor lover on your gift list!

May the beauty of this season bring you comfort, peace and lots of joy,

Sharon Brodin
Founder and Owner, Twin Cities Outdoors

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Local Businesses Include:

Gear & Apparel

Aqua Bound (kayak and SUP paddles)
Bending Branches (canoe and kayak fishing paddles)
FLØRT (multi-colored beanies and pins)
Old Scout Outdoor Products (camp stove/bungees)
Shore Boards (wood SUP boards)
Storm Creek (men's and women's apparel)

Tours, Rentals and Skills Classes

Over the Hill Outdoors (skills classes)
Paddle Bridge (kayak tours and skills classes)
Shore Boards (DIY SUP board workshop)
Twin Cities Kayaking (kayak/SUP tours & rentals)

Print & Digital Books

Twin Cities Outdoors Guide series (digital)
Twin Cities Outdoors Logbook series (print)



Gear & Apparel



Aqua Bound, based just across the river in Osceola, Wisconsin, designs and makes kayak and stand-up paddleboard paddles.

Their made-in-America products are perfect for any paddler on your list, whether beginner or expert.

There are fiberglass, hybrid and carbon options in many colors, and lengths, straight shaft, bent shaft, 2-piece and 4-piece.



Aqua Bound's best-selling kayak paddle is the Sting Ray (\$174.95 to \$244.95, based on materials used). [See all the Sting Ray kayak paddles.](#)

[See all of Aqua Bound's kayak paddles here.](#)

Aqua Bound's best-selling stand-up paddle is [the Freedom 85](#) (\$169.95).

[See all of Aqua Bound's SUP paddles here.](#)



You'll find Aqua Bound paddles locally at REI, Hoigaard's, Midwest Mountaineering, Joe's Sporting Goods and LL Bean.

Or for the best selection, order directly from Aqua Bound's website by using the links above.



Gear & Apparel



BENDING BRANCHES

The world's largest canoe paddle manufacturer is right next door in Osceola, Wisconsin.

The folks at Bending Branches—who are paddling enthusiasts themselves—have been hand crafting wood canoe paddles since 1982.

A combination of beauty, durability and technical precision make these sought after around the world.

Whether all-wood, all-carbon or a combination of the two, the canoeists in your life will love their new paddle.



Bending Branches also makes award-winning kayak fishing paddles.

[See their full collection here.](#)



There's a paddle for everyone, from first-time paddler to expert Boundary Waters tripper.

Bending Branches canoe paddles range in price from \$79.95 to \$279.95.

[See all their canoe paddles.](#)

They manufacture a line of recreational kayak paddles, as well, including wood models.

[See their kayak paddles here.](#)

You can find Bending Branches paddles locally at REI, Midwest Mountaineering, Hoigaard's, Joe's Sporting Goods and LL Bean. Or order directly from their website.

Gear & Apparel

FRESH AIR FLØRT

Need a break from online dating? Have outdoorsy friends or family who are looking to meet new people but need a little nudge?

Look no further than Fresh Air FLØRT for a fun holiday gift idea—for yourself and others!

Their color-coded beanies, pins and stickers make it easy to start conversations and make connections outdoors, whether you're seeking romance, new friendships or an adventure partner.

So get outside and find your FLØRT!

Get outside. Make friends. Give back.

- Bold and Adventurous
- Quiet and Curious
- Playful and Flirty

[Shop Beanies and Pins Now](#)

Take advantage of our special offer for Twin Cities Outdoor subscribers!

Subscribe to our email list and receive a free FLØRT sticker pack with your purchase of any FLØRT product.



Beanies \$27
Pins \$8



Fresh Air FLØRT believes that if you do everything with intention, good things follow.

They invest a portion of their profits in organizations that protect our parks and connect people with nature.

They're proud to be a woman-owned and operated business based in Minneapolis.

Gear & Apparel



Old Scout Outdoor Products, based in Minneapolis, makes innovative solutions for the outdoor enthusiast.

Old Scout produces and sells two signature products...



Old Scout Bungee Dealee Bobs

The Bungee Dealee Bob is a shock-corded gear fastening system to quickly and securely attach paddles, fishing rods and other loose items into canoes.

They've found their way into many other uses for campers, bikers and hikers, as well.

Retail prices starts at a set of 8 for \$20.00.



Old Scout Campfire Reflector Oven

Old Scout's Campfire Reflector Oven uses a traditional style with an innovative tab-and-slot design to slip together quickly and securely.

The aluminum construction is lightweight, maintenance-free and rust-free.

This is an oven you can pass down to your grandkids!

Retail: \$70.00



Old Scout products are sold throughout the US and Canada.

Gear & Apparel



SHORE BOARDS



Shore Boards, based in Anoka, has been hand-crafting wood stand-up paddleboards since 2013.

They not only look stunning, they deliver exceptional performance on the water.

Three signature paddleboard designs. Each is available in 10' 6" or 11' 6" lengths, and retails for \$2,795:

- Vintage
- Explorer
- North

Or choose to design your own fully-custom board with your choice of wood, design and emblem: \$3,295.



Shore Boards also handcrafts wooden stand-up paddles, longboards and wakesurf boards. All products are built with sustainable materials.

To order, go to the website, with the option for local pick-up.

Gear & Apparel



Storm Creek's popular Warehouse Sale is back in the warehouse for its 10th year, at its Eagan headquarters. Don't miss exclusive deals on men's and women's eco-friendly clothing and accessories.

All purchases support one of four charities of your choice. It's an easy way to save big and give back!

Examples of what's in the Sale:

Men's Front Runner Vest—This Eco-insulated quilted vest is a best seller. Water-resistant, windproof and seriously soft.

Women's Sidekick Crew—The perfect combo of coziness and style in the softest, most comfortable crew you'll ever own.



10th Annual Storm Creek Warehouse Sale

VIP NIGHT (new this year!): 11/3 from 3:00-7:00 pm. [Shoppers can purchase a ticket for exclusive access.](#) All ticket sales will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters Twin Cities.

1st WEEKEND: November 4-5 • 2nd WEEKEND: November 11-12

HOURS: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm Friday; 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday

LOCATION: Storm Creek • 915 Blue Gentian Rd #200 • Eagan

Can't shop in person? [Shop the Warehouse Sale online](#) from November 4-12!



Storm Creek is a woman-owned business based in Eagan that's been making eco-friendly outdoor-inspired apparel since 2006. Their products perform well, look great and are ethically priced.

Tours, Rentals and Skills Classes

OVER THE HILL OUTDOORS

Every season has something fun to do outdoors in Minnesota!

As the sole owner and operator of **Over the Hill Outdoors**, Natalie provides private and small group outdoor recreation instruction specifically for adults in archery, kayaking and cross country skiing.

As a certified professional, her goal is to provide you with the essential skills and confidence to get out and safely enjoy the outdoors, with lots of fun along the way!



[Buy Gift Certificates](#)

for a 90-minute private lesson

Gift for one: \$75

Gift for two: \$120

[Click here for more information
about lessons](#)



Natalie loves teaching the older demographic. Most of her students are 45+ with many in their 60s, 70s and even 80s!

The Twin Cities has many super locations to learn and practice. Your lessons can be worked around the time and place that's best for you.



Tours, Rentals and Skills Classes

Paddle Bridge

MPLS MN

KAYAK TOURS

Their guides each have their own style and stories to tell. But all will share in pulling back the veil of time and point out various histories written, washed away and sometimes still visible on the banks of the Mississippi.

Since 2018, **Paddle Bridge** has provided inclusive kayak tours in the Twin Cities on the Mississippi River. No matter what brings you on the water, they offer a comfortable and memorable paddling experience.



Special offer for Twin Cities Outdoors readers:

Use discount code **TCO2022**
for 15% off all 2023 season tours and lessons
booked now through January 31, 2023!

**Book 2023 season tours and lessons and
purchase Gift Cards:**

<https://bit.ly/3eGIWQ1>



Tours, Rentals and Skills Classes



SHORE BOARDS

Calling all DIYers—make your own wood paddleboard!



This is truly a one-of-a-kind course that you will not find anywhere else! The workshop focuses on building a custom wood stand-up paddleboard that is not only sustainable, but will be timeless in design, and most importantly built by YOU!

This class is suitable for all experience levels, from beginner to skilled craftsman. The Shore Boards team walks you through each step to build your own wood paddle board.

DIY SUP Workshop \$2,195

[More information and to Register](#)



All Workshops are at Shore Boards' production facility in Anoka • 7-night workshop, 3 hours nightly • No more than 3 students per class to allow for plenty of 1-on-1 guidance by their experienced staff, as needed

Tours, Rentals and Skills Classes

TWIN CITIES KAYAKING

Visit your neighborhood National River and Recreation Area and experience the city shores like you've never seen before.

Purchase a gift certificate today for 2023 at 2022 prices!

Self-guided kayak trip on the Mississippi River into downtown Minneapolis. (Tour Map provided)

8+ mile • 2.5-3 hours

All skill levels welcome. This section of the Mississippi is designated as a National River and Recreation Area.

Starts at River Park in Brooklyn Park and ends at Boom Island Park in Minneapolis.

8 wonderful miles of normally hidden sights that are only accessible via the water!



- See Islands of Peace
- Go under Highway 694 bridge
- See the Great Blue Heron Rookery up close
- Go under Camden, Lowry, Broadway and Plymouth Avenue bridges
- See the historic Grain Belt Brewery

Other tour locations include the Kinnickinnic and Rum Rivers, the lower Mississippi and more.

2022 discounted rate is \$49 per person, when you wipe out your own kayak (towels provided).

Email: booking@twincitieskayaking.com for personalized gift certificates.

Offer expires December 31, 2022 • Guided options available for just \$75 per person • 4-person minimum, includes pictures • All river trips require two cars or the use of a rideshare

Print & Digital Books



Twin Cities Outdoors makes it easy for residents and visitors of the Minneapolis/Saint Paul metro area to find local trails, parks, waterways and campgrounds.

TCO covers Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties.

www.twincitiesoutdoors.com

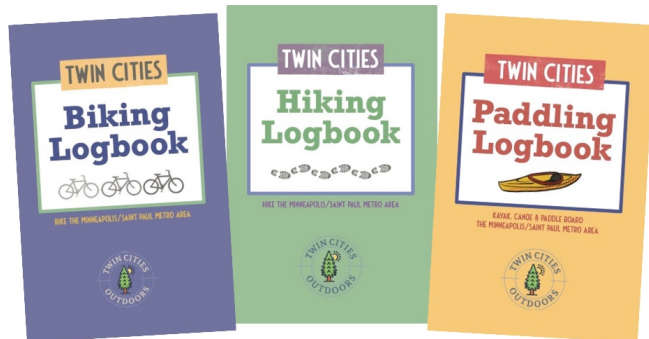
Twin Cities Outdoors' Digital Guide Series

County-by-county listings of our parks, trails or waterways for your favorite outdoor activity throughout the year.

Each guide includes over one hundred links to maps and trail/park information.

Each guide includes extra pages about rentals, for families and pet owners, and more...all in one place.

Digital PDF downloads \$12 each • [Shop Now](#)



Paperback Logbooks \$8.99 each

[Learn more and Order](#)

Twin Cities Logbook Series

These paperback Logbooks are the perfect companion to the digital Guide Series for the outdoor lovers on your gift list.

Each has space to record up to 50 hikes, bike trips or paddle trips.

Record fun details like season and weather, flora and fauna, who came along, total distance, what you did and didn't like and more.



Featured Local Businesses

**Learn more about the local businesses featured in
our 2022 Holiday Gift Guide**

Aqua Bound

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Bending Branches

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