



## Join us! TSRA Holiday Party & Annual Meeting



It's that time of year for a little Holiday Cheer!!

Join us at the **Shelby Bottoms Nature Center, from 5-8pm** for our **Annual Holiday Party and Meeting**. We will vote for our 2024 board members and more. Festivities include food and drink, bonfires, excellent company and even a lighted game of bocce ball on the lawn. Bring your favorite dish, and BYOD (or BOYB). TSRA will provide smoked pork BBQ. [RSVP](#) here. See you there!

Bonfires food and drinks full of cheer await!

## Join us! Holiday Gift Wrapping at REI

Join us at the **REI Brentwood, at 10:30 am on December 17th** for a gift wrapping great time. If you like spreading some holiday cheer and love being around like-minded outdoor enthusiasts, then you will enjoy a shift at our booth. We will be wrapping gifts in exchange for donations as well as spreading the word about the great things TSRA does. For more information or to volunteer, email [Ops@paddletsra.org](mailto:Ops@paddletsra.org).



# Upcoming Events

[Full Calendar](#)

1st Sat Paddle	Dec 2
Holiday Party/ Annual Meeting	Dec 9
3rd Saturday Paddle	Dec 16
Holiday Gift Wrapping @ REI	Dec 17

# Report: TSRA Annual Board Retreat

On **November 18, 2023**, the TSRA Board members met at **Buffalo Ridge Wildlife Refuge**, to compare notes and apparently Trapper Keepers to plan for a fantastic next year for TSRA. In addition to holding the regular November Board Meeting, the Board put together our 2024 calendar, discussed what went well in 2023, what could be improved and held the first brain storming session for a new TSRA Strategic Plan. During this time the board was able to take a step back, look at the bigger picture, and identify priorities and initiatives to implement that will make sure TSRA is effective and sustainable. Input was gathered from these questions: Who are we? What makes us special? Where are going? How do we get there?

A working committee will be convened in 2024 to focus on developing a comprehensive 3-5 year strategic plan. This committee may include current board members, but it may also include some past presidents and board members, and representatives of the membership at large.

TSRA is fortunate to have such committed board members and volunteers. Thank you 2023 Board for your time and dedication in carrying our mission, to ensure an adequate number of free-flowing, clean and wild rivers, streams, wetlands, water bodies and watersheds for the use and benefit of all citizens, and to promote paddling skill and river safety through training and leadership. We look forward to a great year in 2024!

