



TEAM RIVER RUNNER

SOUTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA

Our road to recovery is a river

Kayaking for Veterans and First Responders

November 13, 2019

Senator Andrew E. Dinniman
One North Church Street
West Chester, PA 19380

Hello Mr. Dinniman,

My name is Jim Riley. I'm a longtime resident of West Chester, PA, a Marine Corps veteran and the Southeast PA coordinator for Team River Runner (TRR). TRR provides active duty service members, veterans, first responders and local community members with disabilities an opportunity to find health, healing, and new challenges through kayaking and other paddling sports. We have been operational in Southeast Pennsylvania for six years.

TRR is an all-volunteer, non-profit 501 3c organization that was founded at Walter Reed Hospital in 2004 and now has over sixty chapters nationwide. Our local group plans training and trips to area rivers and lakes during warm weather and we operate twice a month out of the West Chester Area YMCA during winter months. We provide training, kayaks and equipment at no charge to participants.

We would appreciate your assistance in any way for help in getting the word out to those who might benefit from our program. In addition to outreach, we rely on grants and donations for our operating expenses as well as for purchase of kayaks and equipment. Any local funding resources that you can recommend would be very valuable.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss further and thank you in advance for your help!

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