

## **Team River Runner Chapter Trailer Policy**

Chapters are encouraged to be self-sufficient financially after the second year of operation

- The first year should be focused on training volunteers, recruiting veterans, and providing safe but challenging paddling venues.
- By the second year this should be a smooth process, with a pattern of predictable paddling sessions. The volunteer base should be wide and deep enough to start to develop community relations, and to pursue local grants and funding.

TRRN provides the initial kayaks and equipment to start a chapter at no cost to the chapter. During the first and second year it's often necessary to purchase adaptive gear to support the chapter. We also cover the cost of pool rental and insurance costs as well as fund members to pursue training and attend regional and national clinics.

Successful chapters often grow their base and require more kayaks, gear, and trailers which greatly ease the mobility burden of chapters. Obviously not all chapters grow at the same rate.

TRRN receives VA funding to grow our base and to serve more veterans but this funding is not allocated to purchasing trailers. TRRN recognizes the requirement for trailers and is committed to assisting chapters obtain one but certain prerequisites are necessary.

### **Prerequisites to purchase a trailer**

1. TRRN fully supports a chapter purchasing a trailer after a chapter has two years of operation, if it secures local funding and is designated a Golden Paddle Chapter (having met TRRN goals of 15 unique paddlers and 26 paddle sessions). TRRN will assist in registering the trailer.
2. Some chapters prior to the two year mark may quickly grow their veteran base, proving the need for a trailer to maintain and continue to grow its base. TRRN will assist chapters financially under the following conditions:
  - A chapter must be operating for at least 6 months
  - A chapter records in ORS 15 unique paddlers within the six month or year period.
  - Have held 13 sessions within 6 months or 26 sessions within a year.
  - TRR will provide 1/2 the trailer cost up to a maximum of \$2500, expecting the chapter to provide the other 1/2.