

News from N.E.W. #20, Thursday, July 31, 2014

1. YRE Changes:

YRE 0720: Parts of Silverdale's Newberry Hill Heritage Park's main trail system will be closed for approximately 2 months from August 4 – September 30 for necessary logging, road construction and culvert work. There's no easy way to detour volkswalkers, so Kitsap Volkssporters have decided to suspend the walk during this time period. Volkswalkers have a last chance to do this as a summer YRE walk through August 3. We'll bring it back in the fall after all construction/logging has been completed. Thanks, Ric Catron

2. Thanks for renewing your YREs/Seasonals ASAP:

Please check the "Starting Point Listing" for each of your YRE/Seasonals before mid-September and fix them. I don't know how many of us would want to do to a walk whose description says "Ask for the walk box at the counter". Not too inviting.

99283	Vashon Island - Island Center Forest, WA <u>Starting Point Listing</u>	Click to Request Insurance REQUEST	7/11/2014 3:35:49 PM	Approvals
YRSW	(4/1/2015)	(10/31 /2015)	<u>Special Program Listing</u>	Edit

You have through August 31 to renew and until mid-September to correct or add Special Programs. **And send me walk directions with maps for any new YREs/Seasonals and those whose routes have changed!!!!**

3. Time to Walk 10-11-12-13-14: Please keep me updated on your plans for the national "Time to Walk" event on 10-11-12-13-14.

As soon as you have an inkling that your club will be hosting some kind of walk, let me know approximately how many participants there might be. Guess! These can be group walks of YRE's as well as traditional events. I need an estimate now to send in to AVA.

4. International Wanderers Cataldo, ID and Spokane Walks:

As part of their Coeur d'Alene Lakeside Celebration, International Wanderers, the volkssport club of Walking Adventures International has sanctioned three walks, all 10K, all rated 1A. See the AVA website:

- Sept 1 and again Sept 3, between 12:30 and 1pm, Cataldo Trailhead, ID, Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes just off I-90 exit 40 north of the Interstate. This is a linear trail. Plan on arranging pickup at the end point.
- Sept 4 Spokane, WA River Park Square Mall, starting between 8:30 and 9:30. Walk includes downtown Spokane, the Riverfront Trail, and Gonzaga University campus. Not clear whether this is a linear trail.

5. Time for Fiscal Year End reports:

Please update the Officer Updates page of your AVA club website. If there are no changes, you need to click on "submit" anyway. You have until November 15 to update officers, send in your AVA financial report, do your IRS 990 e-postcard (this is critical as you will lose your 501(c)3 IRS status and lose your club if you don't make this deadline) and send AVA and me **a copy of the IRS email response saying you filed**. Just forward the email.

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6. **NW Regional Conference for 2016:** Treasure Valley Volkssports agrees that having it in Boise is doable in mid-September, 2016 for a long weekend, Friday – Sunday, September 16-18, or 9-11. I know that Walking Adventures China trip first half starts September 20 in Chengdu. So the 16-18 dates may not work for those going on that first half tour. September has great weather in Boise. And they have lots of super walk routes. Understand that all walkers would pay \$3 per walk whether they are credit or not. Now, for what we need from you:

- **Would you go to Boise?** Please canvas your clubs and report back to me. We need a rough guess for site planning purposes. This is just an estimate, you are not committing in stone.
- **Could you help at the Conference?** Although Treasure Valley has some great walk routes we could use, they have few members and we'd need your help. I'll be asking and you can volunteer if you can commit to help at an event (I anticipate 3 conference walks), or with on-site registration.

7. **2015 Salem Convention:** The convention webpage is beginning to be populated. Here's the link: <http://www.nationalavaconvention2015.com/>. It is not yet on the AVA website. By the way we had guaranteed 400 room nights at the Grand Hotel. In mid-July we were already at 564 room nights. Candy at AVA is going to guarantee more room nights. Please book a room at the Grand as soon as you can.

See you all on the trail. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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