

News from N.E.W. #29, February 20, 2015

1. YRE Changes:

- **Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes:** Lilac City Volkssports reminds me that the start point for the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes, Y0310 is the Coeur d'Alene Resort.
- **Lake Oswego:** Y1609 & Y1611 are temporarily closed because Albertson's has closed.
- **Seasonal Bike:** All Weather Walkers have sanctioned a seasonal Bike on Vancouver's Burnt Bridge Trail, Y0732, April 1 through Dec. 31.

2. Salem Convention:

- **Teller Volunteer:** I need a volunteer from our region to be a teller at the convention. Each region must provide a teller. Tellers can't be delegates. Tellers collect and tally written ballots. Tellers must register for the convention, but can register for the meetings only -- \$185. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know.
- **Volunteers needed!** Please help the NW Region put on the best convention ever!! We need volunteers at each walk event and at the hotel. We are using SignUp Genius, an online volunteer application to gather help for the convention. If you have any questions call Maryann Brown at 541-961-4279. The link is <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544abad29a1ff2-19th/> or find it on the Convention website.
 - i. Scroll through the list of open and filled volunteer slots and check each one for which you want to sign up.
 - ii. Once you have all your choices selected, click the Submit and Sign Up button on the bottom of the page.
 1. If you are assisting someone else by entering his or her choices: enter the name of that person.
 2. If you are entering a joint name, please choose a number other than 1.
 - iii. Provide name, email address, phone number (cell) where you can be reached at the convention, and t-shirt size/gender for the person signing up. Information will not be shared.
 - iv. Click Sign Up Now and you are done.
- **Online Registration:** As I've mentioned please register online if you are attending the convention meetings and workshops, going to any socials, doing walks and want awards, or want apparel. Print off your registration form after you've submitted it and send in a check or pay by PayPal – AVA has reduced the cost to use PayPal to \$9. It was \$14.
- **Only going for the Walks** and don't want the awards? Register at each of the walks.

3. Question on what YRE walks to do: A person emailed me about walks in our region at convention time. Please let me know what you'd recommend:

- "Oregon: what other walks close to the ones we're doing are really good? I will probably do two a day.
- Washington: I'll be staying with my best friend in Vancouver, so will have opportunity to do a few more walks. I want to do Vancouver, Seattle, and of course, Olympia. Which walks do you think are the best in those areas? Any others that I really shouldn't miss?
- Idaho: Boise of course, but which two there? What about Glenn's Ferry? It would be on my way to Salt Lake City.
- Alaska: If my girlfriend and I do a short trip to Alaska while I'm there, which are the two best walks in Anchorage?"

4. Participation Numbers for the NW Region: Please consider having more traditional events this year. We still have weekends open in each area. We are continuing to trend downward in participation. The Gorge Walks are on even numbered years and can account for some differences in Traditional/YREs.

- **2012** – Traditional 18,097; YREs 23,612 = 41,709
- **2013** – Traditional 15,771; YREs 25,347 = 41,118 -1.4%
- **2014** – Traditional 17,272; YREs 23,219 = 40,491 - 1.5%

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5. **Yakima Sun Striders** have changed their name to the **Central Washington Sun Striders!!**
6. **Bloomsday Sunday, May 2, Spokane:** If you are going to walk Bloomsday “with 40,000 of your closest friends”, you must register with the Bloomsday event, and please email Allan Heritage – agheritage@hotmail.com to let him know you’re coming. Register for volkssport credit at the Manito Park walk, Saturday, May 1.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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