

REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Greetings NW Region Walking Clubs,

Lots of beautiful fall walking happening. Hope you have had a chance for some outings.

YR/SYR that will not be offered next year: Last Chance!

Winlock, WA
Chehalis Bike, WA
Semiahmoo, WA
Pt Townsend Chetzemoka Bike, WA
Kent, Lake Fenwick, WA
Kent, Rails, Rabbits and Racetrack, WA
Kent, Soos Creek, WA
Auburn, Outlet Collection, WA

Odessa, WA
Vancouver, Burnt Bridges Trail E, WA
St Helens, OR (already closed due to construction)
Portland, SE Mt Talbert Nature Park, OR

The end of the quarter is coming soon. Please submit your reports. The list shared here shows clubs needing to bring their data up to date. If you have completed your club items in the last days watch your club page to see if it has been cleared by the office. Contact marian@ava.org with questions. Here us the list of open items:



AVA Fee Increases:

Clubs need to discuss if they will be making changes to event fees. The new \$4.00 limit is only a limit, you may still charge \$3.00. You may want to consider staying at \$3.00 for your YRE Group walks if it is feasible for your club's financial bottom line. We have many walkers that walk YRE's 4-5 times a week and the price increase may force them to walk YRE's a little less. Many clubs have reduced rates for club members so that may need to change also. Joe Blazek (ESVA President) is currently on travel till Nov 15 so he may want to have a zoom meeting to discuss with ESVA clubs. Area Coordinators should contact your clubs to see what their clubs are thinking. OTSVA discussed this at their meeting on Saturday. OTSVA clubs will be discussing this during their meetings this month.

Due to this AVA change in charges some clubs will be lacking financial resources to manage this and keep the club financially viable. Individuals or clubs could help these clubs as State Organizations finances are mostly running at minimums. Let's keep NW Region strong. Ed Hainline and I can help point you to clubs that may need assistance.

Clubs will be paying AVA \$2.00 rather than \$1.25. OSB is changing to \$4.00 so your club has no control over that.

2024 AVA and ESVA Special Programs:

I have attached the new 2024 AVA and ESVA Challenge Program List to this email for your clubs.

The Future Event Calendar is filling up with many new areas to walk in. Be sure to get your club's future walks on the calendar even if you only have preliminary information available so you can reserve the date you need.

Latest NW Pathfinder Mini:

April 25-28, 2024	Wild and Woodsy , Olympia, WA <u>Hosted by Capitol Volkssport</u>
May 9-11, 2024	Spring in Winthrop – Hiking with the Arrowleaf Balsamroot (OSB May 5-20,2024)
May 24-26, 2024,	Canadian Festival in Kingston, Ontario http://walks.ca/cvf-fcv-2022-festival/
Aug 3-4, 2024	NW Hiking Weekend at Mt Baker https://fourplushikers.weebly.com/nwhw-mt-baker-
<u>2024.html</u>	
Aug 22-25, 2024	Wallace Idaho – Hosted by Lilac City Volkssport
Sept 19-22, 2024,	NW Regional Conference – Kitsap Peninsula, WA

See you on the trail!

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