



# REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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I returned recently from San Antonio from a retreat/training with the Board of AVA. The temperature and humidity made me truly appreciate the temperate weather in our NW Region allowing us to walk almost year around.

Lots of Walk activity going on now. Clubs are back walking together; traditional events are happening and multi-day events are popping up now!

Make plans for the “Salute to Central Oregon” hosted by Columbia River Volkssport Club coming September 16-19. The walks and bikes are sanctioned as short Seasonal Events and are available from Sept 12-30, 2021. If you can stay in the area longer you can challenge yourself to do them all.

Full information is here: <http://www.walking4fun.org/central-oregon-2021.html> . You can use the pull-down menu on the page to view all the details. If you are planning for the social events please register immediately so adequate food can be prepared. Should be a fun event. Thanks to all who are working to put this event together.

Action for clubs:

- Sanctioning for YRs/SYR's is now open. Clubs will need to log into my.ava.org club account to do this now. If you need help don't hesitate to ask. I have sent some info previously and will send more if clubs need it. Due date is Sept 1 and I have until Sept 15 to complete everything for publication in the Starting Point. Please check to see if your walk description and driving directions need updates. I will manually do the updates for PPSF if you previously had that for your walk. Be certain to order a stamp for walks only in OSB if you want one. OSB/PSB combination walks will automatically receive one. The new Special Programs for AVA are “Rails to Trails” and “City Halls”. The full descriptions here: <https://cb.ava.org/futureprog.php>
- Annual AVA Reporting is now happening across our region. There is a confusion factor if you have a walk in the OSB/PSB. As treasurers receive the invoices quarterly from AVA some are incorporating the data (credit/debit) into their monthly report and some are not. If you do not have this data you can pull all 4 quarters report from the online reports to your club in my.ava.org. I have also attached an explanation of why things don't always match up in OSB reports (same as our PSB issues for report periods) from the Chair of the IT committee, Mike Green. Please note that AVA invoices all the income to walk participation, not splitting between donations and participation fees as we do in our Annual Reports.
- As we make plans for next year's events, remember that AVA Walking Week is April 1-7,2022. Try to plan 7 days of walking in your area sharing the days with other clubs unless your club wants to do 7 days!

I am attaching to this note other Multi-day event information for you to begin to schedule your travels!

See you on the trail!

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