



REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Greetings NW Region Walking Clubs,

Thank you everyone for completing your YR renewals for 2024 and new sanctions! We were the 1st region to complete. Your clubs can still add new YR/SYR at any time. Any added after the middle of September will not appear in the Starting Point Book.

For 2024 we have lots of walking for you to enjoy on YR/SYR:

Washington	273
Oregon	167
Alaska	12
Idaho	12

YR/SYR that will not be offered next year:

Winlock, WA	Odessa, WA
Chehalis Bike, WA	Vancouver, Burnt Bridges Trail E, WA
Semiahmoo, WA	St Helens, OR (already closed due to construction)
Pt Townsend Chetzemoka Bike, WA	Portland, SE Mt Talbert Nature Park, OR
Kent, Lake Fenwick, WA	
Kent, Parks and Downtown, WA	
Kent, Rails, Rabbits and Racetrack, WA	
Kent, Soos Creek, WA	
Auburn, Outlet Collection, WA	

The Bend, OR multi-day event hosted by CRVC is closed for registration, but all walks can be registered for on-site or in OSB. Complete information here: <https://www.walking4fun.org/central-oregon-2023.html>

If you would like to volunteer, there are a few slots still open. Many hands make light work for all:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084FA4A823A2FA7-salute1#/>



The Big Give for AVA is coming in September. Please consider how you and your clubs will donate:
<https://ava.charityproud.org/Donate/Index/?cid=17622>

Notes from AVA Special Board Meeting Aug 23, 2023:

- Carl Cordes, currently Pacific Region RD, was selected as VP. Currently an election in the Pacific Region is taking place to select his replacement.
- The Office lease renewal was approved by the AVA Executive Committee earlier this month.
- The TAW contract was cancelled at the close of this year. The Nov edition will be the last TAW as it will be replaced by a new type of newsletter – digital – with subscription option for those that desire a mailed copy.
- Presentation was made regarding development of an app.

The next AVA Board meeting will be Oct 18, 2023.

Troll Fever is running wild in the Puget Sound Region!

Many of our YR and Traditional Events will be introducing you to the delightful Trolls being built by Danish Artist Thomas Danbo's "Way of the Bird King Project". There are trolls across the US and many other countries. Info here: www.nwtrolls.org



OleBolo
Portland-Nordic Center
Let's plan a walk!



Pia-The Peacekeeper
Bainbridge Island
Meet her at the 2024
NW Regional Walkfest



Brunn Idun
Seattle, Lincoln Park
YR2051



Jacob Two Trees
Issaquah, WA
Event on 10/14/2023

**Vashon Island
Location????**

To be unveiled
9/17/2023

Let's plan a
Walk!

**Seattle -Ballard
Location????**

To be unveiled
9/19/2023

I bet YR1865
will showcase this
Troll!

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: www.esva.online/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/2023-Sep-Oct-NW-Pathfinder-Final.pdf

- Sept 14-17, 2023, Central Oregon <https://www.walking4fun.org/central-oregon-2023.html>
- Sept 22-24, 2023, Vancouver BC – Walk fest <https://vancouverventurers.com/walkfest-2023rev1/>
- May 24-26, 2024, Canadian Festival in Kingston, Ontario <http://walks.ca/cvf-fcv-2022-festival/>
- Sept 19-22, 2024, NW Regional Conference – Kitsap Peninsula, WA

See you on the trail!

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