



REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Greetings NW Region Walking Clubs,

Sun, Rain, Snow and hail greet us as we walk in this almost “spring” season. Raincoats, gloves, tee-shirts, everything is needed!

While you are walking around the Northwest region, be sure to join the ESVA Winter Walking Challenge Program. You need to be a member of a Washington Club to participate. Link here:

<http://www.esva.online/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2024-Winter-Walk-Contest-pdf.pdf>

Notes from AVA Board Meeting in February:

- The E3H Program had changed name to Grouper. We will not need to report those participants in our quarterly reports any longer. They do need to register and indicate E3H.
- Discussion was held regarding “free walkers” for children under 12. If they stamp books, they do need to pay the IVV Fee Your club can decide whether non-credit children should pay.
- One of the new 2025 AVA Special Programs is “Walking with the Wild Things” including Trolls, Gargoyles, fairies and Gnomes. This program will be hosted by Capitol Volkssport Club. The second one was withdrawn so the Programs committee will recommend another that has been previously done years ago.
- The 2025 AVA Convention will be held in Las Cruces, NM April 29-May 2, 2025. Info attached.
- Regional Directors and Deputy Regional Directors will now be doing the approval of Revised OSB directions as they are uploaded. Mike Green will continue to do the new OSB Walk Directions.

The NW Regional Conference is coming up in September 19-22, 2024 in Silverdale, WA. Please let me know what training your clubs may need so we can plan to have training available at that time.

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. *Please note that several clubs have moved dates around.*

Upcoming Multi-Day Events that you will want to make lodging reservations for soon!

- April 25-28, 2024, Wild and Woodsy , Olympia, WA [Hosted by Capitol Volkssport](#)
- May **9-11**, 2024, Winthrop Spring Walks, On-site walk registration May **9-11**, 2024 (OSB May 5-20)
<http://www.interlakentrailblazers.org/scheduled-events.html>
- May 24-26, 2024, Canadian Festival in Kingston, Ontario <http://walks.ca/cvf-fcv-2022-festival/>
- Aug 2-4, 2024, NW Hiking Weekend – Mt Baker, Glacier WA
<https://fourplushikers.weebly.com/nwhw-mt-baker-2024.html>
- Aug 23-25, 2024, Wallace, ID Info coming soon <https://lilaccityvolks.com/>
- Sept 19-22, 2024, NW Regional Conference – Kitsap Peninsula, WA (8 Walks, Socials) Headquartered in Silverdale, WA Info coming soon
- Oct 17-20, 2024, CRVC/Rogue Valley Walkers Shady Cove Info coming soon

See you on the trail!

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