



NW Regional AVA News and Information for Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, & Washington

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Pat, President Rutherford Hayes, and Sandi, taking a walk



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Hello Northwest Walkers!

2027 YRE are ready for RENEWALS by your club. If you have made any changes to your current YRE's since 6/1/2026, be sure to "reload" the event to be included in your updates for 2027. You have until 8/31/2026 to complete this process. There is also an option to "Do Not Renew". This will end your YRE for 2027. Sign into your my.ava.org account to start the process. I've attached step by step directions on how to do this.

REGISTRATION for 2026 NW Regional Conference in Astoria, Oregon "Following in the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark", September 24-27: If you haven't signed up yet, now is the time to register. Spots for the two social events are filling up fast, so send in your forms and checks **ASAP**. If you are out of town, have not signed up, and are reading this now, consider emailing Sharon Moats (sharon.l.moats@gmail.com) for a place holder. We hope to see you in Astoria, Oregon from September 24-27, 2026. These gorgeous walks are waiting for you: Lighthouses, trails, The Column, movie locations, walking streets with names beginning from A to N (pigeon stairs? What is that?), exploring historic Astoria, and walking on the beach. Come enjoy the walks and friendships. See you there!

CALLING ALL NORTHWEST CLUBS IN OREGON, IDAHO, ALASKA, AND WASHINGTON) - PLEASE consider bringing your club's feather flags with stand (if the stand is too much, we will make due), to the Astoria Walkfest celebration on September 24-27th. We are proud of our NW Clubs and we want everyone to know it! What a great display that will be! If your club president can't make it, please choose a representative to bring it. We will have the feather banners safely on display in Suomi Hall for the duration of the event. We'd like to have them on the first day of the event on the 24th, and then you can pick them up before noon on the 27th. Thank you!

FINANCIALS: If your club's fiscal year ends on 6-30-26, it is time to file your 990 E-Postcard, Annual Financial Report (AFR), update your club officers' names, and the

number of members in your club. The reports can be filed after July 1, 2026, but before the November 15, 2026 deadline. An IRS user guide, and the AVA Retention policy for financial and event records have been posted on the AVA website under "Clubs Only". Please submit a copy of your filings to Marian@ava.org.

Events coming up:

- For traditional walks, you can easily find them with this link, and then click on "update": <https://my.ava.org/regional-te-list.php?time=month&rsel=NW>
- All walks are listed on the attached Future Events Calendar.
 - Sat. August 15. Mt. Rainier Nat'l Park WA. Hosted by Daffodil Valley Club. Register: 8:30-12:00pm at Ashford County Park, 29801 WA-706, Ashford, WA. Start: Cougar Rock Picnic Area; ask ranger for map. Bring your Nat'l Park Pass. 6k/10k walks rated 2C for both distances.
 - Sat. August 29. Historic Canby & Cruise. Hosted by Columbia River VC. Register: 9:00-11:00am. Start: Cutsforth Marketplace, 225 NE 2nd Ave., Canby, OR. 6K/11K walks rated 1A.
 - Sat, September 5. Labor Day Weekend. Hosted by Emerald City Wanderers. Register: 9:00-11:00. Start: St. Alphonsus Family Center, 5816 15th Ave NW, Seattle. 5k/10K walks rated 1A.
 - Sat, September 19. Talk Like a Pirate Day. Hosted by Vancouver USA Volkssporters. Register 8:00-12:00pm. Start: Vancouver Girls Softball Assn, 800 NE 117th St, Vancouver, WA. 5k/10K walks rated 1A. AAARRRRGGGh!!
 - Sat, September 19. Oktoberfest. Hosted by Willamette Wanderers. Register: 9:00-12:00pm. Start: Biergarten Festhalle, 500 S Wilco Hwy NE, Mt Angel Oregon. 5K/10K walks rated 2A.
 - Thurs-Sun, September 24-27, 2026. NW Regional Conference - Astoria, Oregon
 - SAVE THE DATE: June 28-July 1, 2027** AVA 24th Biennial Convention 2027 in Springfield, Missouri. Pre-convention walks June 26-28th, Post convention walks and activities July 2-4. Reservations available on 8/1/2026: [University Plaza and Hotel - Springfield, MO](#)

Until next time, see you on the trail!

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