

# NW REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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## Greetings NW Region Walking Clubs

Hope everyone that was able to attend the “Wild and Woodsy” event in Lacey this past weekend. Walkers, raindrops and rainbows were plentiful! Thanks to Capitol Volkssport for hosting and to all the volunteers that supported this fun event.

## Notes for clubs:

- One club has reported receiving a snail mailing from the IRS that their 990ez is late for 2023. It is odd that it would be received this early after the April 15 filing date due date. This club is on the fiscal year of July-June and did complete the 2022 on time and is on record with the 2023 not due until after July 1. Please let me know if anyone else received a similar report. This should not be happening.
- The latest Grouper information is in the Checkpoint that you just received from headquarters. Please read and follow the directions. Currently RD’s have no more information than what is covered in the Checkpoint.
- I have attached the first quarter report for the region. Please note that the NC registrants in the OSB do not show but any donations to your club do show in your OSB report. Some walks are down a lot but some of this has to do with where meet-up walks were scheduled, and many individual walkers are not walking alone so much now. Some regulars have moved from the area. Some walks are impacted by homeless in the area or crime reports. Many walks are also down to increase in prices. For the report I divided the list by clubs and states in the region.
- I have submitted a request for our region to host a pilot program to migrate to only using stickers as a way to simplify process and bring down costs to our programs. More information will be forthcoming. Currently our IT folks have created the download view with 75 stamps (only visible to RD’s at this time) I am currently having some members test this on their home printers. More information to come.



- 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.**
- **Please register for the NW Regional asap if you plan to enjoy the socials as there are limits of 100 per event. Sign-up genius will be available in mid-August for volunteer sign-ups. Let’s make this the best Regional Walkfest/conference ever!**  
<http://www.esva.online>
- Please bookmark the link to AVA Policies and forms as things have moved around on the web since the legacy system was removed. There is a nice index here for detail searching. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with what is available.  
Policy: [https://cb.ava.org/operations\\_policies.php](https://cb.ava.org/operations_policies.php)  
All AVA Documents are available here: <https://ava.org/club-policies/>

Many of our SYR opened in April and May. More walking adventures to enjoy and explore our beautiful region.

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!**

- 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 here: <https://lilaccityvolks.com/wallace-weekend>
- Sept 19-22, 2024, NW Regional Conference – Kitsap Peninsula, WA (8 Walks, Socials) Headquartered in Silverdale, WA [www.esva.online](http://www.esva.online)
- Oct 12-14, 2024, Surrey Trekkers, BC, Canada- Kelowna, BC Wine Walks
- Oct 17-20, 2024, CRVC/Rogue Valley Walkers Shady Cove <https://www.walking4fun.org/>

See you on the trail!

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