



REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Greetings NW Region Walking Clubs,

I hope everyone had a nice holiday time with family and friends.

If you are a member of a club in WA or OR you may want to participate in the ESVA or OTSVA Winter Walking contest. I have attached the link here: <https://www.otsva.org/challenges.html>

This is a great way to start the year!

Action for Clubs:

- If your club has a route that has been revised for this year, please note that in an alert on your sanction. That will attract walkers that are looking to try new routes.
- **As more clubs are using TGW (Traveling Guided Walk-Traditional Event)) walk events we ask that your club sanction them 2 weeks, or more, before the event and be sure to post the events to a social media for information sharing (club website, emails, meetup, Facebook).** We do include these walks in the Future Event List if there is time allowed. To view the most recent schedules for Traditional Events use the "Search for a walk" feature on the AVA website.
- If your club has walks that are only OSB please help groups that want to walk your route but are not in OSB. This can be done by emailing directions, stickers and registration sheets to the requesting group or meeting them and walking with them. Clubs and walkers will appreciate it.
- New special programs – please review your sanctions to include them. For the ESVA and OTSVA programs please review your routes and include information in your sanction. Here is the link to the current ESVA Special Program reference page: <http://www.esva.online/challenges/>

What's new:

If you ordered a "Starting Point" book, please note that mailing will start next week

Rev A: Please visit the AVA Convention page for the latest information. Per the latest checkpoint the registration information will be available by Jan 13, 2025. <https://ava.org/2025-convention/>

The pre-convention and post-convention walks will be Saturday April 26-28 and post walks on May 3-4. The pre and post walks will be available in the OSB.

Hope all clubs are planning to have a representative there for the meetings. I don't know if voting can take place remotely if we have representatives who cannot travel at that time.

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

All AVA Documents are available here: <https://ava.org/club-policies/>

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.

Multi-day events are noted in the future event list.

See you on the trail!

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