



# REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Greetings NW Region Walking Clubs

Keep hydrated as you walk in this warmer weather.

Notes for clubs:

- There has been confusion regarding the Grouper, Strider, and who qualifies. The Strider portion of the program is for new walkers only. The Grouper site has erroneously been allowing current walkers into the program. The launch appears to be a work in progress.
- As your club completes sanctions for next year be sure to note the type of billing you want for your event (Std, PPSF) The default is STD.
- We have a club closing and as Nancy W terms out after the APRIL/MAY AVA Convention, we have many walks to reassign for next year so the Starting Point will be updated for next year's edition. Separate email will be sent to club presidents regarding the walks and who to contact if your club is interested.
- 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/>

**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!**

- 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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