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Email me at carl_pard@cox.net or pa_rd@ava.org with questions, news to share, or be added to receive the Post.

87% of Goal Reached...so far

So close we can almost taste victory. If you missed donating to the Big Give last Thursday you can still support AVA. This donation link may still be active a short while to give your \$5, \$10 or more - it all adds up to support America's Walking Club!

<https://www.thebiggivesa.org/organizations/american-volkssport-association-inc>

If the link is down or you prefer to pay by check and avoid service fee, send your thoughtful donation to:

American Volkssport Association
1008 South Alamo Street
San Antonio TX 78210

Only you can help us reach our goal by October 31st.

YRE/Seasonal Updates Part 2

Here are two more important things you can be doing now to improve your 2022 year-round/seasonal events and encourage more participation if you have not done them already.

Custom Stamps

Deadline to customize IVV stamps for 2022 YRE and Seasonal events is October 29th!

We have come a long way from the original IVV stamps and slugs by producing laser quality stamps in house at a fraction of the cost and no shipping back and forth. The first major enhancement of the switch was adding the event city and state automatically. I have seen many people over the years write this in on the stamp margins of their books so they know where they have been. Now you can look at the stamp and know.

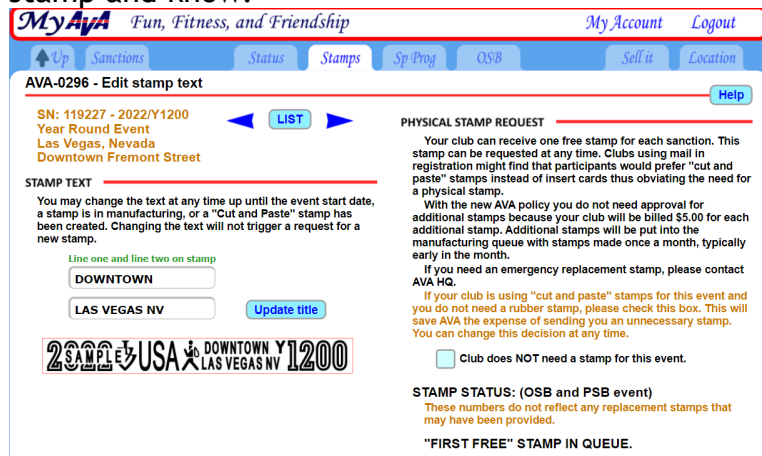


Figure 1 Stamp Edit and Request page in my.ava.org

But we have taken this a step further giving clubs the ability to customize stamps from the comfort of their own home! Log in in to my.ava.org and go to your club management page. (Reminder club management access is granted by the club) Click **Sanctions** tab then the **Stamps** tab. Note if **TEXT Locked** appears like on all of the 2021 YREs you cannot change stamp. Click **Edit/Req** for event you want to change

like example in Figure 1. (TIP: This is page to request stamps, too, if needed) Before customizing stamp click the Help tab for guidance on what text you can or must enter. If you exceed size, it will tell you text is **TOO LONG**.



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Stamp customization is especially useful for cities with multiple events, as shown in the example.



Figure 2 Standard vs. Custom Stamp Text

Special programs

Even if you do not participate in any of the special program challenges many of our participants do. On my.ava.org click the **Find a...** tab. (TIP: you don't have to be logged in or have an account to view items here) Then click on **Sp. Prog** tab to view current or future programs and their requirements.

You want to show if your event counts toward these challenge programs. Someone planning a walking trip checks the event listings to see which ones have special program qualifiers they need. You risk losing patriation if you don't identify what programs your event can qualify for.

When you are checking your route (or revising) be mindful of qualifiers you may already have or can easily include with a route adjustment. On your directions it is very helpful if you include where a special program qualifier exists. Some programs require pictures and some participants want pictures of qualifiers. Here's an example of what I add to my directions for special programs.

☺ **Rock Around the Clock – Clock tower on right**

Once you have identified what programs your YRE qualifies for log in to my.ava.org and go to your club management page. (Reminder club management access is granted by the club) Click **Sanctions** tab then the **Sp. Prog** tab. All of your events and associated special programs assigned are shown here. Click **Edit** button to change any of them. Check box to add programs or uncheck if it no longer applies. Then click the **Update special programs** box. You can verify program was added by clicking the **List** button.

Contact me if you need help with custom stamps, special programs or accessing club management tabs.

New Special Programs in 2022

Just to highlight these starting January 1st... Contact POC if you have questions whether something counts or not.

Rails-to-Trails: 16 sanctioned YRE, seasonal, or traditional events that walks/bikes on a portion of an official Rails-to-Trails Conservancy identified trail (which can be found at <https://www.trailink.com/trailsearch/>) qualifies. One stamp per event per year.

POC: Sherry Sayers, 719-640-6745, email cswc@avaclubs.org.



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Town Hall/City Halls: Complete 15 AVA sanctioned walks that include a town/city hall building must be marked as such or have a plaque as a historic site of one. A hall may only be used once, even if multiple walks go by it. (NOTE: Must be local government Hall. The Town Hall on Mainstreet at my Disneyland YRE does not count.)

POC: Sandy Croushore, (757) 532-3468, email szcroushore@verizon.net.

Coronado YRE

Did you know Coronado (Y0352) was one of the first year-round events? We are talking 1992/1993! And to the best of my knowledge the Coronado Historical Association Museum has hosted the start box from the beginning. Look for article in the next TAW.

Thanks to Herman Husbands for working closely with the museum staff to get the walk open again. I walked it September 18th and it was beautiful. (Little Free Libraries, Veterans and Rock Around the Clock qualifiers; Rails-to-Trails in 2022)

Upcoming Pacific Region Events

(Subject to change)

Start - End Date	Type	Trail Rating	City, State	Name	Club
2021 - October					
01 - 03	Walk	1B	Folsom, CA	Walking the Johnny Cash Trail	Sacramento Walking Sticks
01 - 03	Walk	1A	Sacramento, CA	Sutter's Landing Park to McKinley Village and Back	Sacramento Walking Sticks
01 - 03	Walk	1A	Folsom, CA	Humbug/Willow Creek	Sacramento Walking Sticks
14	Walk	1A	Beverly Hills, CA	Beverly Hills Walk	International Wanderers
15	Walk	1A	Marina del Rey, CA	Santa Monica End of the Road Walk	International Wanderers
16	Walk	1A	Riverside, CA	Zombie Walk	Low Desert Roadrunners
17	Walk	2A	Templeton, CA	Templeton, California	Central Coast Beach Boardwalkers
30	Walk	1B	Ripon, CA	Spooky Walk	Delta Tule Trekkers
2021 - November					
06	Walk	1B	Alviso, CA	Alviso Town & Salt Flats	South Bay Striders
20	Walk	1A	Tucson, AZ	Michael Perry Park	Tucson Volkssport Klub
2021 - December					
04	Walk	1A	San Francisco, CA	Stroll By The Sea, Historic Great Highway	Bay Bandits Volksmarch Club
11	Walk	2B	Sutter Creek, CA	Holiday Walk at Sutter Creek	Delta Tule Trekkers
20	Walk	1A	Surprise, AZ	Holiday Lights	Saguaro Sun Striders

Sanction new events minimum of 90 days prior to event. Exceptions handled case by case. Less than 60 days before event day are subject to AVA approval.

If you have to cancel/reschedule your event, contact me as much in advance of event date as possible with reason. I can revise ESR date if original event date has not passed.



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Upcoming Deadlines

OCT 11 – Starting Point Deadline to revise/correct event entries and identify special programs prior to publishing

OCT 25 – TAW Article Deadline Send your club articles to taw@ava.org for December issue.

OCT 29 – Deadline to Customize 2022 YRE/Seasonal IVV Stamps before manufacture

OCT 31 – 3rd Quarter Participation Deadline without late fees.

NOV 15 – Financial Report/IRS Postcard Deadline for clubs on JUL-JUN fiscal year

Feedback

Communication is a two-way street. Contact me with any comments or questions you wish to share. We are in this together, we make it better together and we will succeed together!

Do your part to keep AVA alive!
Walk-Promote-Donate

Carl