

Washington State Challenge Committee
Update to Clubs
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Here's what's happening with the ESVA Washington State Challenge. We are currently in the 9th year of the Challenge program. All net proceeds support the Evergreen State Volkssport Association. The Challenges encourage participation of volkssporters in more events in order to complete their books, which benefits our clubs.

Our current challenge in the Walk Washington series is Landscape. The categories are Farmland/Steppes (FS), Forests (FO), Gorges/Valleys (GV), and Mountains (MT). The definitions can be found in the Challenge portion of the ESVA web site, www.esva.org. Each category requires 7 stamps, including at least one stamp from a traditional (hosted) event, rather than a year-around event or a seasonal event.

Our new challenge for 2011 will be **Towns and use the same format with at least one stamp from a traditional (hosted) event, rather than a year-around or seasonal event.**

The categories will be:

- **Clock Towers (CT)**-a non-digital clock on a clocktower or side of building,
- **Bakeries (BK)**-any building in which bakery goods are baked on site, including grocery stores,
- **Post Offices (PO)**-current or former/historical post offices. Former post offices should be specifically identified in the walk directions,
- **Fire Stations (FI)**-current or former/historical fire stations. Former fire stations should be specifically identified in the walk directions.

What can you do as a club to support the Challenge program?

- Review your walks to determine the challenges on your walks
- Indicate on your walk directions which challenges are on your walks **and specifically identify the location in the walk directions.**
- Fill out the attached form for 2011 which will give a summary of the challenges on your routes
- Submit the information about walks which qualify for the Challenges to Linda Ellingboe (VolkssporterWA@aol.com) or Sue Black (scblack@comcast.net).

For year-around or seasonal events, please include the name of the Challenge, city/town and YRE/seasonal number, qualifying category or categories, and distance(s) if not all distances qualify [ie. Landscape Challenge, Seattle, YRE 8467, Gorges/Valleys, Mountains, 5 K only]. In addition to inclusion on the list of challenges on the web site, your information will be forwarded to the Northwest Pathfinder for inclusion on the YRE/Seasonal event listings.

For traditional events, please include the name of the Challenge, city/town, the date(s) of the event, qualifying category or categories and distance(s) if not all distances qualify [ie. Landscape Challenge, Seattle, August 1, 2011, Gorges/Valleys, Mountains (10 K only)]. Please include that information in your ad for the Northwest Pathfinder.

- Include the Challenge information on the AVA web site. Many clubs put the information at the end of the event description.
- Use the frames which show the different Challenge patches at your traditional events. They are available without cost from your ESVA Area coordinator.
- Please notify the Challenge committee if you have the only YRE/Seasonal event in a county and choose not to continue it in the next year.

For those who have not yet completed Challenge books for challenges for which books are no longer being sold, books may be submitted when complete and patches will be sent out as long as there are patches available. The Challenge web site will indicate when there are no more patches available.

Finally, an early notice about the **2012 Challenge**. The Challenge will be **Parks--city/town, county, state and national**. More information will be available in the future.

Thanks so much for your help in making the Challenge program a success. If you have any questions or have suggestions on how the program could be improved, please email Linda Ellingboe (lindaelli@ad.com) or Sue Black (scblack@comcast.net) or contact any member of the Challenge committee.

Linda and Sue