

## **FORTS OF THE UNITED STATES**

The Tulsa Walking Club is sponsoring a new Special Event Program based upon the theme of Forts of the United States. Qualifying walks would take place in towns or state parks with “fort” in the name, military installations with “fort” in the name, walk by an actual fort or by a marker where one has been. To participate, walkers must purchase a book in which to record their qualifying stamps. To earn a patch, a walker must complete 25 qualifying year-around or regular event walks, which go through, pass by, or go around the qualifying entity. We hope that you will take the time to explore the history behind the forts that you visit.

- Because forts were established in every state, it is recommended that a fort be used only one time in the booklet. This is especially true for those cities with “Fort” in their name.
- Each fort may only be used once, however; an event that may have 2 or more forts may be used, provided the event is walked on a different date for each stamp
- If a club has researched the location of a fort, but there is no plaque, if the club will then verify the fort location with the Coordinator of this program, then it will count.

It is anticipated that through this special event program, walkers will learn more about the early frontier history of our country, and appreciate the part that forts played in the establishment of our country, as well as becoming more aware that forts still protect and defend our country today.

The program shall begin January 1, 2010, and end December 31, 2012. This program is not retroactive. All walks must be stamped in the record book using the IVV event stamp. No handwritten entries. Any person that participates in and pays the regular AVA event fee is eligible to record the walk in their Forts book. Each event may be included only once. Upon completion, a full-color embroidered patch will be issued. Books will go on sale December 1, 2009. Send check in the amount of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) made payable to TWC-Forts to the POC:

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