

## The 2009-2010 Walk-Together Patch

We have selected the Walk-Together patch for 2009-2010. It will be available for



events starting in September, 2009. The patch design came from Haley Huggins , of troop 11013 in Portland, Oregon, part of Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington council. Dar Parrow of the Cedar Milers Volkssport Club arranged with the council to hold the patch contest.

If your club has held Walk-Togethers with Girl Scouts and would like to work with the Girl Scout council in your area to design the patch for the 2010-2011 school year, please contact me, Nancy Wittenberg, at [avayouth@ava.org](mailto:avayouth@ava.org). It would be great if a club in the west or south would volunteer. We have

guidelines and forms which you can use.

Because it is an award, those who want the patch must walk for credit. The patch can be used as the award for everyone for your walk if you wish, not just Girl Scouts. It can be ordered from AVA on consignment so you're not burdened with paying for patches you can't use. Please be conservative when you order patches. The AVA sends the patches with a Girl Scout Patches Consignment form. You return the form with the count of patches sold, and the unused patches along with the stamp for your walk. You can get patches on consignment for a scheduled group walk of a year round or seasonal as well. The AVA will bill the club for patches used. The cost for patches you use is \$1 each. Call the AVA office or email them to order patches and let them know what walk you want them for. If you want to have patches on hand for year rounds or seasonals, you may purchase the patches ahead of time. Purchased patches may not be returned.

Please remember that unless you are working with a local troop directly, Girl Scout councils need a great deal of lead time to publish events. It is now summer and most troops are not active until the fall. It would be a good time now, to contact your local council about walks you might be planning for winter or spring. Check out the AVA's website under Special Programs/Youth Programs to see more information about Walk-Togethers. It includes a downloadable .pdf format copy of a Walk-Together brochure which explains the process of arranging for walks for Girl Scouts. We'll be updating it with the new patch design shortly.