



# *Tennessee Cave Dirt*

*Thirsty Thursday News*

*Welcome {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }} {{ contact.LASTNAME }},*

## **Volunteers**

- We need some help Thursday morning to move some tables from the gym. Ask for Sue & Al.
- We need some gate security at the campground Friday
- Need some help at the Banquet.
- Come by the volunteer table to sign up. Get a Tee Shirt if you work 4 hours.

## **ROPE AUCTION!**

There will be a silent auction for 600-foot (or more) of Highline rope (11/16) at the Awards Banquet Friday night!

The rope(s) and silent auction bid sheet(s) will be displayed at the west entrance of the banquet tent, leading to the beer wagons. Please place your bids on the auction bid sheet(s), and bid high and often! Proceeds benefit the NSS.

## **Small Convention T-shirts**

We have found a few more Convention T-shirts in the smaller sizes. Check at Registration if you want one.

## **Buses for Photo Salon**

There will be five Putnam County school buses at the western side of the fairgrounds for the photo salon on Thursday. There is limited parking at TN Tech so please take the school buses. They run from 5 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

## **Buses Between Fairgrounds and High School**

There are three Enterprise vans that are running on Thursday and Friday from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. between the fairgrounds, Char Steakhouse and the high school.

THURSDAY EVENTS			
MORNING	International Exploration Session	Auditorium	9 – 12:20
	Spelean History Session	Lecture Hall	9 – 12:30
	Awards Committee Meeting	35	9 – 12
	Vertical Session and Awards Ceremony	222	10 – 12:30
LUNCH	Luminary Series: Edward M. Yarborough	Auditorium	1 – 2
	NCKMS Steering Committee Lunch Meeting	31	12 – 2
AFTERNOON	International Exploration Session	Auditorium	2:15 – 5:15
	3D Photogrammetry	30	2 – 3:30
	Cave Diving Section Meeting	222	2 – 5
	Convention Debriefing Workshop	35	2 – 5
	NSF Trustees Meeting (Open)	Teacher Meeting	2 – 5
EVENING	Awards Salon	TTU Denyberry Hall	5:30 – 7 7:30 – 10

## International Exploration Session

Links to details for the International Exploration Session are now online at

<http://nss2019.subworks.com/sessions.html>

Included are links to the PDFs

International Exploration Session Schedule

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B\\_44ycEHb7dDVVN1VE1MdjVZWnBWNTNEZ204R2tCbHA0SE8w/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_44ycEHb7dDVVN1VE1MdjVZWnBWNTNEZ204R2tCbHA0SE8w/view?usp=sharing)

International Exploration Session Abstracts

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B\\_44ycEHb7dDc0NNMHI4dWc4aGFqZk4zU3ZGQ2ZIZDRXWDY0/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_44ycEHb7dDc0NNMHI4dWc4aGFqZk4zU3ZGQ2ZIZDRXWDY0/view?usp=sharing)

## Friday Geology Fieldtrip

Participants: No Lunch stop, bring your own lunch and beverage as none are provided. Chiggers & ticks likely abound. One stop will go through thicketts.

## Custom Batty Bag

Custom Batty Bags made in the HEART of T.A.G. Ditch the plastic and start using something more sustainable, stylish and re usable. These bags are great for your groceries or your caving clothes!

Straps are made from 1" webbing and the bottoms are made from cordura.

Find them in the Caver Consignment sale this week!

## NCKMS Lunch Meeting

Thursday's NCKMS lunch meeting will start at 1:00pm in room 31 so that everyone can eat first. All welcome to attend.

## Fine Arts Salon

The Fine Arts Salon, located in the Upper Gym, (turn left at the top of the stairs,) is also home to Prints, Cover Arts, T-Shirts & Symbolic Devices, and Graphic Arts. The salon will be open for viewing, sales and cover judging 9 am until 5 pm today. Cavers' Choice judging will close at noon tomorrow.

## Amateur Radio Exams

Three Cavers passed their amateur radio exams congratulations to them and thanks to the volunteer examiners who gave the tests.

## NSS Awards Process

Want to know more about the NSS Awards process? The Awards Committee will meet Thursday morning in room 35. The committee will conduct an open session from 9:00 to 10:00, everyone welcome. The committee will conduct a closed session starting at 10:00, committee members only. Questions? - Awards@caves.org

## 2020 NSS Convention

27-31 July – Elkins, WV  
Preregistration open at [caves.regfox.com/nss-convention-2020](https://caves.regfox.com/nss-convention-2020)  
Early bird discount this week only!!!

## Elkins-Randolph County Tourism

Representatives from Elkins-Randolph County Tourism will be onsite Wednesday and Thursday. Drop by the 2020 table to ask questions about next years convention location.

## Wanted: REI Alcove Shelter Parts

WANTED: REI Alcove Shelter parts. Did yours break in a storm, rendering it useless because REI doesn't supply replacement parts? Mine broke, but I would like to buy your REI Alcove Shelter for the replacement parts. Please contact Kim Fleischmann via text at 443-655-6025 or email via [kfleisch@juno.com](mailto:kfleisch@juno.com).

## Shallow Grotto Party

Shallow Grotto Thursday late night party and Jam!!!

Please visit the Shallow Grotto in the lower center area of the Noisy Camp after the Thursday night activities wind down. Bring your instrument... We have a small camp sound system, extra guitars, and mucho Shallow Grotto Hospitality!!!

## Timpanogos Cave Virtual Reality Demonstration

Too ~~hangover~~ tired to go caving? Decon getting you down? Come experience a virtual reconstruction of Timpanogos Cave National Monument! Signups are at the door of Room 37. Walk ins first come first serve. Demos available Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-12am.

PS: This graduate project is made possible by a CESU agreement between Timpanogos Cave National Monument and the University of Arizona. As such it is a work in progress and doesn't necessarily reflect the finished product. We'll have a disclaimer for people about it on the door.

## Keller Williams Concert Saturday

Keller Williams at The Caverns

Cavers are invited to attend the Keller Williams concert this coming Saturday at The Caverns located in the beautiful Pelham valley 2 hours south of Cookeville. The Caverns is the home of Bluegrass Underground and is in close proximity to the post convention camp at Cavers Paradise. Contact Kristine Ebrey to get on the list to attend this concert for FREE. Email her at nss2019treasurer@gmail.com

## Ozark Fossils Jewelry

I We're pretty much the hallway's best kept secret;) but we both signed up to be vendors too late to be included in this year's book, and we're a bit hidden at the end of the hallway.

We are: Ozark Fossils Jewelry, utilizing Ozark found fossils and flora to create focal pieces for pendants, earrings, bracelets, and rings. Post Oak Pottery, inspired by nature with lots of salamander, bat, and cave themed mugs, vases, jewelry, and so much more! We're located at the end of the hall down vendor row:)

Nancy Lowery Weck (POP) & Deitra Biely (OFJ)

## Fort Stanton Cave Science Conference Prospectus

September 17-19, 2020, Socorro, New Mexico (New Mexico Tech)

This conference is anticipated to attract participants who have been producing scientific, photographic, cartographic and other projects in the cave, and reaching out to experts who have not previously worked in Fort Stanton Cave, especially the Snowy River section. Cross fertilization of work with other investigators will stimulate more interest in scientific projects. Please contact conveners or science organizing committee to be on the list for more info. There are flyers posted in various places in the high school with additional information including contact emails. Or find John Lyles at convention.

## Tag Home For Sale

Home for sale, in the HEART of TAG. 1800 square feet, 2 bed, 2 bath, 20 acres of land, year round stream. Sewanee TN , \$220k.

Contact Anne at annegrindle19@gmail.com

## Terminal Syphon T-shirts

Terminal Syphon T-shirts \$10. Albert made 25 Terminal Syphon T-shirts. If you want one before the gig, find Albert Ogden in the Groad Hollow campground area.

## Speleobook Dutch Auction

Speleobooks Dutch Auction section will feature thousands of items going on progressive sale throughout the week while they last. Also, daily features throughout the rest of shop. Daily Discounts 10% off.

- Monday - Batdannas, Sarongs and Hats
- Tuesday - Used & Out Of Print Books
- Wednesday - Pint Glasses and Coffee Mugs
- Thursday - Quilts all at 10% off on their respective feature day

Dutch Auction items start at low prices and go down each day starting Tuesday to 25%, Wednesday to 50%, and Thursday to 75%.

## Headquarters/Team 404 Donors

If you donate \$300 or more per year towards the Headquarters you are a Team 404 member. Come by

the NSS Bookstore to pick up your pin for 2019. Thank you for your support.

## CaveSim

Only two more days to come check out CaveSim and see the cool new things we've added just for the 2019 Convention (including air conditioning). Have you ever considered having CaveSim come to your regional caving event, or to your local schools or museums? Now's a great time to come by to talk with us about your ideas. CaveSim is outside the south side of the high school, and we're open 9AM-5PM today and tomorrow.

## SCCi

Show everyone that you help save caves by stopping by the SCCi booth in vendors row. Purchase a tshirt, cap or mug to help preserve the caves you love.

## James G. Mitchell Award

The James G. Mitchell Award may be awarded for the best scientific paper presented at any of the sessions of the convention by a member (or members) of the NSS who is a current student. Papers will be evaluated primarily on how well they exemplify sound methods of scientific research and presentation, and secondarily on their contribution to scientific knowledge. Presenters desiring to be considered for the award should contact Mike Backe at [Awards@caves.org](mailto:Awards@caves.org). Please provide the presenters name, NSS No., student status, paper title, session presented in, and the scheduled date and time of the presentation.



**We hope you are enjoying the 2019 NSS Convention!**

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Please visit the convention website at: [nss2019.subworks.com](http://nss2019.subworks.com)

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