



Tennessee Cave Dirt

Friday Finals

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

Volunteers

- Need help at campground setting up for banquet
- Help at school requested Friday afternoon to start breakdown
- We also need more help at school to break down things on Saturday morning. (8:30am start).

A big huge thanks to all who helped. If you worked 4 hours and have not picked up your shirt, please do so this morning.

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.

Buses Between Fairgrounds and High School

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

Banquet Passes

Please help spread the word: For those that can't pick up their Banquet passes at Registration before noon Friday.

We will set up at Campground Security (at the Campground entrance) from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m to process Banquet passes.

FRIDAY EVENTS			
MORNING	BOG Open Meeting	Band Room	9 – 12
	Video Salon Critique	Lecture Hall	9 – 12
	Cartographic and Arts Salon Critiques	Upper Gym	9 – 12
	Hawaii Speleological Survey Meeting	33	After Cart Critique
	Photo Award Workshop	28	9 – 12
	Writers Workshop	225	9 – 12
	Cookeville Karst Hydrology Field Trip	Campground	11 – 5
LUNCH	Survey and Cartography Section Lunch Meeting	Lecture Hall	12 – 2
	Charitable Giving with Financial And Estate Planning	35	12 – 2
	NSS Nature Preserves Meeting	37	12 – 2
AFTER-NOON	Lightning Talks	Auditorium	2 – 5
	Survey and Cartography Session	Lecture Hall	2 – 5
	Cave Conservancy Roundtable	31	2 – 5
	Writers Workshop	225	2 – 5
EVENING	Awards Banquet	Campground	6:30 – 10:30

Friday Geology Fieldtrip

No Lunch stop, bring your own lunch and beverage as none are provided. Chiggers & ticks likely abound. One stop will go through thickets. Meet at the West Entrance to the campground, **NOT** the main entrance.

Lightning Talks

Don't forget about Lightning Talks, Friday afternoon at 2 in the auditorium. Bring your short (five minutes or so) presentation, or just show up and enjoy all the short talks.

Lightning Talks - you'll love it! It's a way of life.

Friday Writer's Workshop

Inviting Convention participants to the Friday Writer's workshop. Come for a session or stay for the day. Room 225. Bring 3 minutes of your writing to share between presenters. Learn a little or a lot:

- 8:30 - 9 Donuts and literature
- 9-9:45 Storytelling for Visual Media - Jo Schaper
- 10-10:45 Moments of Discovery - Bill Steele and guests
- 11-11:50 Setting Goals and Estimating Time Requirements - Larry E Matthews
- Noon Lunch and Raffle for participants holding tickets. Come in the morning for details
- 1-1:30 Bare Naked Caving - Carolina Shrewsbury
- 1:30 - 2:15 Self Publishing - Jo Schaper
- 2:20 - 2:45 - Opinion Writing - Michael Ray Taylor

- Final Open Readings / Share sessions.

Cave Conservancy Round Table

The Cave Conservancy Round Table will meet Friday afternoon in Room 31 at 2pm.

Cave conservancies are encouraged to send a representative with questions for other conservancies, information to share, and useful experiences. This year's prompt is expanding a conservancy's donor base beyond the local caving community and the pros and cons of using a Cave Preserve for educational outreach. Other questions and discussions welcome. Moderated by Paul Winter.

Post Convention Cave Camp

The post convention cave camp at Cavers Paradise starts Saturday 482 Wildheart Lane, Sewanee TN 37375. Go to Monteagle TN and follow the directions on the Caversparadise.com website. Stagecoach Road is washed out. Do not come that way! Or go to Google maps and search for Cavers Paradise. Lots of caving, lots of Caver stories, Nickajack Cave bat flight, music at The Caverns, hot tub, sauna. Come and extend your caving vacation. Come and stay as long as you like. \$5 per person per night. Contact Maureen Handler 423-605-5569 with questions.

2020 NSS Convention

27-31 July - Elkins, WV

Preregistration open at caves.regfox.com/nss-convention-2020

Early bird discount this week only!!!

WANTED: Caver Wife w/Cave

WANTED: Energetic caver wife who owns land with cave. Send picture of cave. Bonus for survey map and current bat count. Special bonus for multi-drop pits 200 feet plus. Please Email RAY.SIRA@LOVELYBATS.COM

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.

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

A Clarification

A statement was made during the Conservation and Management session that there had been a “very recent” break-in with subsequent vandalism in the New Discovery section of Mammoth Cave and that current researchers might have been negligent in not securing the entrance when they left. The incident in question took place in the 1970s and was due to the lack of secure gating, not negligence. The NSS Mammoth Cave Restoration crew recently did an excellent job in removing the nearly 50-year old graffiti.

For Sale: Pepper Sauces

“Mark Turner is selling pepper sauces in Room 58 in the vendor zone. Mild to very spicy, with great flavor!

\$1.00 from every bottle sold goes to SCCi. Help him maximize that donation!”

Jewelweed Soap

Jewelweed soap for poison ivy - back wall of Consignment. \$5 Bar. Debbie Moore (Previously Speleossoap)

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 (OF)

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, 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

This is your last day to check out CaveSim, and it's also your last day to stop by to make a donation to help us get back to Colorado! We love Tennessee, but we have kids at home. Stop by the south side of the school to see what CaveSim is all about before we close at 5PM today.

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. Please provide the presenters name, NSS No., student status, paper title, session presented in, and the scheduled date and time of the presentation.



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