



Tennessee Cave Dirt

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

Registration

Registration will open at the high school at noon on Saturday June 15th.

- Saturday June 15 - noon to midnight
- Sunday June 16 - 8 AM to midnight
- Monday June 17 - 8 AM to 5 PM
- Tuesday June 18 - 8 AM to 5 PM
- Wednesday June 19 - 8 AM to 5 PM
- Thursday June 20 - 8 AM to 5 PM
- Friday June 21 - 8 AM to Noon

If you arrive when registration is closed, you will be allowed into the campground for the night. Go register at the high school the next day.

White Nose Syndrome Decontamination

Tennessee is a White Nose Syndrome positive state. The disease has been in Tennessee since 2013. All State of Tennessee and Southeastern Cave Conservancy caves REQUIRE full gear decontamination prior to entering their caves! The NSS policy follows Department of the Interior policy that requires full gear decontamination in between cave trips. As of this time, this is the policy that the 2019 NSS Convention is following.

There will be a self-serve decontamination station at the campground in the large horse barn. We will be using the quaternary ammonia decontamination protocol.

PLEASE SHOW UP WITH CLEAN GEAR! Then, please decontaminate in between caving trips.

We will have some loaner helmets and lights on a first come, first served basis. Go to *Cave Information* at the campground if you need to borrow helmets or lights. There will be no loaner vertical gear or cave suits, so plan accordingly.

Sketching Class

Jason Richards and George Dasher will provide a one day sketching class consisting of 3-4 hour hours of classroom work, followed by an afternoon of in

cave sketching instruction. Classroom will cover the basics of sketching, to include setting up the sketch, drawing plan views, cross sections, and running profile, and will be centered mostly around analog sketching, though some digital formats will be addressed. The in cave portion will also be centered around manual methods. Students should have some basic understanding of standard survey techniques. This will focus on cavers who have never sketched previously. Maximum class size will be 12 cavers. It is recommended that each student bring 3 automatic pencils, a rite in the rain all-weather field binder (number 200) and a survey protractor (www.cavecompass.com). Some spares will be available.

If interested in attending, please contact Jason at: j@chrds.org

Class Change: Rock Breaking Workshop

The Rock Breaking Workshop originally scheduled for Tuesday night at the Campground has Changed to Wednesday night before the Campground Party. The class will start at 6pm and should run until 7:30pm. Carroll Bassett



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
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