

**Richmond Area Speleological Society**  
A Chapter of the National Speleological Society  
Membership Information Sheet

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

NSS # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Member Class \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Grotto: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Grottos: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Members**

Name _____	NSS# _____	Expires ____/____/____	Class _____	\$ _____
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**Individual Member Classes**

**DUES**

Regular (R) NSS Member 18+; RASS primary grotto (Voting);	\$20.00
Associate (A) Non NSS Member (Non-Voting)	30.00
Affiliated Member (AM) (NSS) RASS not primary grotto (Non-Voting)	30.00
LIFE (L) RASS Life Member & NSS Member (Voting);	<b>NONE</b>
Life Survivor (LS) NSS Member (Voting)	10.00

**Family Member Classes**

Family Regular (FR) NSS Member 18+ (Voting)	\$10.00
Family Associate (FA) NSS Member, dependent, under 18 (Non-Voting)	10.00

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

RASS dues should be paid by January 1st for the next year and become delinquent after February 28. Please fill out this form and mail your payment or hand deliver it to the Membership Chairperson at the general meeting:

**Richmond Area Speleological Society      P.O. Box 2740      Mechanicsville, VA 23116**

**Privacy Policy:** Protecting your personal information is important to RASS. Our member information is used solely by RASS and will not be sold to any other companies/organizations for marketing purposes. Member information is published in the annual Member's Manual, available only to RASS members.

\*\*\* I have read the rules for the RASS Field Station. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here) (Can be found on RASS website.)

## **RASS FIELD STATION RULES AND USAGE REQUIREMENTS**

The purpose of the property is to facilitate the activity of caving and cave-related research, education, conservation, and fellowship.

1. The Field Station will be available for unaccompanied use by Voting RASS Members, their families, guests, and groups caving with Voting RASS Members. The Voting RASS Member must be present at the Field Station when their family, guests, or group is present. The lock combination to the entrance gate will be changed yearly (or more often, as necessary), and will be provided, upon request, to Voting RASS Members who meet the criteria stated in Article VIII Section 1. The property combination can only be given out by current RASS Board Members. No one else is permitted to give the combination out for any reason. Anyone found in violation of this rule will be subject to expulsion from RASS.
2. No one is to live on the property - i.e., set up any type of semi-permanent or permanent living quarters with the intent to stay on the property as a tenant or resident of any kind.
3. RASS members are responsible for their actions and the actions of their guests while on the property.
4. Other than at RASS events, there will be a "check in/check out" sign posted to ensure proper shut-down and closure of facilities located at the Field Station. You must sign in at the gate. If you go caving, you must leave the names of those in your party, the name of the cave you intend to visit, the time you left, the time you expect to be out of the cave, and verification of your return.
5. No open toilets are allowed. Portable toilets may be used.
6. No standing wood is to be cut for firewood. Once fire rings are established, they are the only places in which fires may be built. Fires must be dead out before departing the property.
7. Drivers should keep their vehicles on the roads as much as possible and use good common sense and judgment when driving across the fields, taking into account moisture in the ground and other necessary factors when leaving graded paths. Remember that towing services are a long way off, and the ground heals very slowly from deep tire marks.
8. All camping is on a carry-it-in, carry-it-out basis. Trash, etc. is not to be left behind. Trashcans are only to be put out for major events. All standard low impact camping guidelines should be followed.

9. The discharging of firearms or fireworks is not allowed on the property.
10. No off-road motorcycles, ATVs, or ground destroying vehicles are allowed.
11. Users are expected to respect the rights, rules, and wishes (concerning access to the property) of the adjoining property owners.
12. Users are expected to respect the rights of other users on the property at the same time. During group events, quiet hours will be observed starting at 11:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 a.m. outside the common social areas.
13. Users will refrain from illegal activities while on the property.
14. No youth groups or Scouts are permitted to use the bunkhouse or bathhouse.
15. There will be no hunting allowed on the property, and it is not to be used as an access for hunting on the adjacent National Forest.
16. All pets must be kept on a leash and under control. Owners of pets that are excessively noisy, quarrelsome, or threatening will be asked to bring the pet under control or to leave and take the pet with them immediately. Owners must clean up after their pets. Pets must also be up-to-date on the vaccinations that are required by the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the owner must be able to provide proof of current immunizations at any time while on the property.
17. Group events held at the RASS Field Station are only those events approved by the RASS Board of Directors, and will normally consist of the Spring, Summer, and Fall caving events, scheduled work weekends, and VAR (Virginia Area Region) events. No one may hold a large event at the Field Station on their own, without prior approval from the RASS Board.
18. Maintenance and upkeep of the RASS Field Station is an on-going, constant requirement, and is the responsibility of all RASS members using the Field Station. All RASS members are expected to do their part to maintain the property.
19. Firewood in the wood shed is for use in the bunkhouse woodstove only. It is not for use in the campsite fire rings or the outdoor fireplace.
20. If a consumable is depleted, the member who uses it up is responsible for either replacing it or notifying the RASS Board of the need for replacement (ie. gas for mowers, toilet paper, etc.). Members with receipts will be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.