



## What is the Sandia Grotto?

A grotto is a local chapter of the National Speleological Society (NSS), an international organization of cavers who explore, map and conduct research in caves as well as many other activities related to caves, karst and caving. The Sandia Grotto is the Albuquerque chapter of the NSS and a member of the Southwestern Region. We go caving locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. We hold monthly meetings where our members gather to discuss ongoing caving related issues, plan caving trips, talk about past trips and learn about caves and caving through a variety of programs.

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## I'm new to caving, how do I get started?

For people who are new to caving or interested in caving, the Sandia Grotto offers several beginner trips each year along with training in both horizontal and vertical caving techniques. We can provide loaner equipment while you decide if caving is for you! We offer a variety of trips that are suited to more advanced cavers, including research trips, photography trips and project caving. The best way to learn how to cave or to get better at caving is to go caving with experienced cavers!

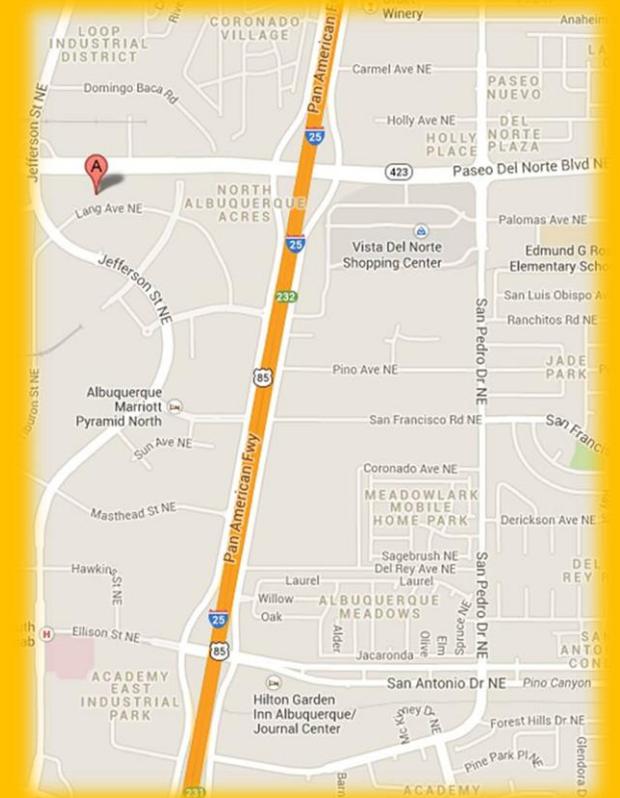


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## When and where do we meet?

The Sandia Grotto meets once a month on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Our meeting location is 4801 Lang Ave., Suite 110.



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- Never cave alone
- Always wear a helmet
- Take three sources of light
- Tell somebody where you're going and when you'll be back!



## What projects does the Sandia Grotto participate in?

Sandia Cave Cleanup  
1 -2 times per year  
Contact: sandiagrotto@gmail.com

Gypsum Karst Project (GypKaP)  
3 - 4 times per year  
[www.caves.org/region/swr/swrgypkp.html](http://www.caves.org/region/swr/swrgypkp.html)

El Malpais Cave Mapping Project (ElMap)  
2 - 3 times per year  
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High Guads Restoration Project (HGRP)  
2 - 3 times per year  
<http://www.hgrp.org/>

Fort Stanton Cave Study Project (FSCSP)  
3 times per year  
<http://fscsp.org/>

Cooper-Ellis Cave Project  
2 times per year  
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**“To promote interest in and to advance in any way and all ways the study and science of speleology, the protection of caves and their natural contents, and to promote fellowship among those interested therein.”**

-National Speleological Society, 1941



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*Take nothing but pictures,  
Leave nothing but footprints,  
Kill nothing but time...*

