



# Digging Session

## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

2023 NSS Convention June 26-30, 2023, Elkins, West Virginia

This is a call for presentations for the Digging Session at the 2023 NSS Convention. The session will be in the afternoon on Thursday, June 29.

The session provides a good way to tell other diggers what you are doing, and to discuss problems related to digging and finding new cave passages. Most diggers have either developed useful techniques that may benefit others, or are encountering problems that someone else may have solved. Stories of both successful and unsuccessful projects and techniques are welcome.

The session is informal, and the audience is very friendly. There are no requirements to provide fancy visual aids or to provide a written paper (other than an abstract to include in the Convention's Program). Most presentations are scheduled for 15-20 minutes, but this is flexible and can be changed to accommodate the presenter.

Presentations can be on any topic related to cave discovery and digging, and the material can be for cavers with any level of digging experience. A partial list of potential presentation topics includes:

- Your successful dig project
- Your unsuccessful dig project (failure is often a better lesson than success)
- Selecting a dig location
- Shoring techniques
- Hauling systems
- Rock breaking solutions
- Dealing with dynamic water conditions

The session will be chaired by Ben Brown. Abstracts can be emailed to him at [ben@ontariosurplus.com](mailto:ben@ontariosurplus.com) or mailed to 7518 Knickerbocker Rd, Ontario, NY 14519. Your abstract must be limited to 250 words. Please ensure that it includes a summary of your conclusions and results and is not simply a statement of what you are going to talk about. Please provide each author's name and email address. Also, let Ben know how much time you will need for your presentation and whether you need any special equipment. Questions about the session should be directed to Ben.

In addition to the scheduled presentations, time will be allocated for short pop-up presentations and an informal question and answer section at the end. After all, we are cavers, not planners.

**The submission deadline for abstracts is **May 15, 2023**.**

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