If you have an announcement you'd like us to consider for the newsletter, kindly submit it via our online submission portal: www.caves.org/convention/dailyrag/submissions/

**Program Changes**

**Room Changes!**
Cave Conservancy Round Table meeting (9AM to Noon) from Room 318 to Room 100.
AVP All-Hands luncheon (12-2PM) from Room 319 to Room 413.
Culture of Caves Session (2-5PM) from Room 319 to Room 413.
NSF Closed meeting (9AM-12noon) from Room 300 to Room 404.
NSF Open meeting (2-5PM) from Room 300 to Room 404.
NSS Writers' Workshop moved to Myles Second Floor Classroom.

D&E is pushing out room changes and other Convention information on the TV monitors around campus. Please look up and read them to stay informed!

**General Announcements**

**Register for 2024 Convention for only $235!**
Join us for the 2024 NSS Convention in Sewanee, TN for the best possible price! Register before Friday and NSS Members pay only $235 for the entire week. Come back to the heart of TAG in 2024 and experience one of the premier caving areas in the country. Register at: caves.org/2024/registration.

**Decon Station Now Open! Come Visit or Volunteer**
The decon station is up and running. Thank you to everyone who helped set up. The hours are 8-11am, 2-6pm. Even if you aren't caving come check us out, or even help out!

**Squeeze Factor: CaveSim**
CaveSim is located between the McDonnell Center and Myles Center for the Arts on the Southeast side. It will be open 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
**Important Notice: Fill Out Your Caver Alert Information Sheet (CAIS) for Cave Trips!**

Convention Program recipients, please complete a Caver Alert Information Sheet (CAIS) and leave it with your Emergency Contact before embarking on a cave trip. Look for the CAIS insert in your Program, and additional copies are available at the Registration area, Cave Booth building in the Campground, and on bulletin boards. If the supply is low, kindly inform any Staff member for a refill.

**BREAKING NEWS: 25th National Cave & Karst Management Symposium Dates Announced**

The 25th National Cave & Karst Management Symposium is happening this Fall from November 6-10 in the outdoor mecca of Chattanooga, TN, hosted by the Southeastern Cave Conservancy. The area is a karst wonderland full of hiking, caving and waterfalls and is a gateway to the scenic Cumberland Plateau. The abstract submission deadline this year is September 15, 2023. To register and find out about scholarships and sponsorship, visit [www.NCKMS2023.org](http://www.NCKMS2023.org) starting this Thursday!

**Convenient Shuttle Services: Regular and Evening Buses for Easy Transportation**

Regular Hourly Service Monday - Friday: Shuttle buses run every half hour between the campground and D&E between 8 AM and 6:30 PM. The last hourly bus leaves D&E for the Campground at 6:30. Return buses will pick up at Gainer Center at 8:30 PM.

Additional Evening Shuttle Services:
- Wednesday: Buses will pick up at D&E at 7:30 PM, 8:30 PM, 9:30 PM, 10:30 PM, and 10:45 PM following the Auction.
- Thursday: Buses will pick up at D&E at 7:30 PM, 8:30 PM, 9:30 PM, 10:00 PM, and 10:30 PM following the Photo Salons.

**Event Announcements**

**AVP 'All Hands' Lunch Today!**

All NSS Volunteers in the Conservation, Cave Management, Education, and Convention Divisions are cordially invited to a pizza lunch today at noon in Room 413 (note room change!). Hosted by the AVP, pizza lunch provided to attendees from the AVP department.

**Conservancy Roundtable Update!**

Are you a leader in a cave conservancy or manage a cave preserve? Come to the Conservancy Roundtable on Wednesday 9AM-Noon (Room 318). Tom Whitehurst from the Southeastern Cave Conservancy is giving a short talk on security camera systems at preserves. Join us to learn how the SCCi does it or even if you just want to learn more!

**Discover Nostalgia: Dale Ibberson Museum OTR Exhibit**

The Dale Ibberson Museum will be open on Wednesday from 6-8 PM, featuring items from the Old Timers Reunion.
Cave Tunes: Open Mic @ the Campground Tonight!
Open Mike begins at 7:30 at the Campground Pavilion. We go until interest flags, from performers or audience. Here's your chance to show others what you can do. Performances range from professional to amateur and are always varied and rotate quickly. And we need an audience as much as performers. It's the thing to do on Tuesday evening!

Greatest Little Cave Ballad of Them All: Cave Ballad Listening Kiosk @ Fine Arts Salon
Discover the Cave Ballad Listening Kiosk at the Fine Arts Salon, opposite the WVa and Va Cave Conservancies exhibits. Hear this year's participants, vote for the Caver's Choice Award. CDs and informative leaflets are available, showcasing high-quality entries. Get inspired to participate next year with potentially less competition!

Section Announcements
Greener Pastures: Free, New Cow's Tales at the Vertical Section
Do your cowstails need to be sent to greener pastures? The Vertical Training Commission has you covered! Come to the VTC table at Memorial Gym and we will cut you some new cowstails on dynamic rope donated by Sterling and PMI. Your choice of exciting colors, while supplies last!

Vendor Announcements
Aquanaut Author Rick Stanton's Book Signing Event at Speleobooks' Milestone Celebration
Rick Stanton, author of the book "Aquanaut," will be signing autographs at 12:30 on Wednesday during the Speleobooks 50th anniversary celebration in the vendor area. You are invited to come and meet Rick, have a chat, and enjoy some cake while you're there.

Meet Hazel Barton for a Book Signing of 'Lechuguilla' at the Vendor Area on Thursday!
Meet Hazel Barton at noon in the vendor area on Thursday where she will be autographing her book, Lechuguilla, until 12:45. Copies of this beautiful book available at many vendors.

Final Sale: Karst Waters Institute Publication
KKWI will not be selling copies of their publications after this convention. Their books are available at Speleobooks in the Vendor area for $5 each while they last.

Award Announcements
Up for Grabs: The James G. Mitchell Award
The James G. Mitchell Award is conferred for the best scientific paper presented by a student NSS member at the convention. The awardee receives a certificate and a cash award and is introduced at the Friday Banquet Awards Ceremony. Contact Roy Jameson, Awards Committee, Mitchell Award subchair, if you qualify at rjcb19@comcast.net
Other Announcements

Black Tank Pump-Outs Now Available for RV Campers at Convention Campground - $50 Fee
The kind folks at The Outhouse LLC have officially offered the option of black tank pump outs for our RV campers at the convention campground. The price for this benefit is $50. Please get in touch with the Security Chair at your own convenience.

Cordial Invitation: Old Timer's Reunion
Experience the largest gathering of cavers in the US at Old Timer's Reunion (OTR) in August! Enjoy live music, free beer, hot tubs, bonfires, camping, vendors, presentations, and cave exploration in West Virginia. OTR caters to all cavers, young and seasoned. Spot OTR t-shirt wearers for more info. Visit www.otr.org for event details!

Be Part of the Future of Vertical Training: Donate to Build Vertical Bill's Training Tower
Donate to the construction of Vertical Bill's Training Tower to be built at the NSS HQ in Huntsville. The NSS has a large matching fund campaign. Be a part of future vertical training. See Maureen Handler for more information.

Support The HQ: Buy a Brick!
Order forms are available at the NSS Bookstore. See the drone aerial photo of the existing Celebration Patio! The next engraved brick order will be placed in September with brick installation happening in December!

Paint with Cheryl Success
Several participants attended Paint with Cheryl Tuesday. All had a grand time painting, learning, chatting and laughing. Their bat paintings were creative. To be continued Friday at OTR! Thank you to Kim Fleishman, Bob Hoke and Earl Suitor for all their assistance.

A Thank You from the Organizers!
Without the volunteer staff, convention would not happen. Plain and simple. However, without all you amazing volunteers who come to convention and offer to help during the event, convention would not run as smoothly as y'all think it's going. THANK YOU!

Having so much fun at the NSS Convention that you want to VOLUNTEER FOR THE NSS? We have hundreds of projects, committees and work that can use your help. Fill out an interest form at https://caves.org/volunteer/ and we will contact you with opportunities!

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