

**Thank you for your early registration for the 2025 NSS Convention in Cobleskill, NY.** We are pleased to already have more than 130 early registrants. One question making the rounds at grotto meetings and any gathering of cavers each year is “are you going to convention?” It is very good news that so many can already answer in the affirmative.

Remember to revisit [our registration page](#) to take advantage of new options being added as we continue to prepare.

## **FEEEEEEEEED Me!**

We are pleased to offer a high quality dining option during the 2025 NSS Convention through SUNY Cobleskill's premium on campus food service. You must pre-purchase this meal ticket on the [NSS 2025 website](#). Your ticket(s) will be included in your registration packet. Tickets will be good for one breakfast and one lunch each day M-F. These tickets may be shared. Takeout is available for scheduled luncheons which will be held near the dining hall. Cost is \$96.50 each. Walk-up breakfasts will cost \$10.50 each. Walk-up lunches will cost \$12.00 each. Walk up service is subject to availability. Pre-purchased meal tickets are guaranteed during service hours.



### **Champlin Hall is All-You-Care-To-Eat Dining**

**Breakfast will be 7-9 AM, Monday through Friday.**

**Lunch will be 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Monday through Friday.**



Breakfast will feature pancakes and a waffle station. Other service items will include eggs, bagels, toast, home fries, sausage and/or bacon. Yogurt, juice, and coffee will be served. Fruit salad and a breakfast sandwich will also be available.

Lunches will include burgers, fries, onion rings and chicken sandwiches. There will be a hot bar with daily specials, a salad bar, a pizza and pasta bar, and a yogurt bar. There will be a full deli station. An allergen hot bar (no soy, milk, gluten, nuts, shellfish) will also be available. There will be a selection of beverages.

## Bring It!

RV hookups are available at the campground next year on a reservation basis. You may choose a site with water and electric, or one which also includes sewer. These sites are available in the [shopping cart on the registration page](#) and can be added to your registration at any time subject to availability. **We can accommodate ANY rig.** We are very interested to see what rolls through the gates next year. Dry camping is also available with ample space set aside for tents and self contained campers at no additional charge. Any preregistered camping attendee will have access to the campground starting at 5 PM on Friday June 20, and checkout is not until noon on Saturday June 28.



## Still Waiting For The New Ramada...

We have been in contact this week with the owner of the under-renovation Ramada which will serve as our official convention motel. They have completed their contract with Ramada, and renovation continues. We expect reservations to open by about January 1. We will be sure to let everyone know when we have a firm date for them ac-

cepting reservations. We have been reassured that the best available rate will be ours once they have their registration system up and running.

### **Some Limitations**

The fairgrounds where camping is located and evening activities will be held is a strict no open fires site. This is due to village ordinance and the nature of the fairgrounds with many wooden structures. Also, there are no pets allowed and no fireworks or firearms permitted.

### **Food For Thought**

Vegetarians have the option of indicating on their registration this dietary preference. Other dietary needs will be addressed if possible by labeling and our service selections.

### **Watch This Space**

Pre and post field trips and other planned activities which may require preregistration are still under development. We will make these available as soon as practical and advertise the new listings as they occur.

### **Welcoming Our Vendors**

Vendor invitation letters will be sent out close to Labor Day. We should have an initial list of participating vendors soon thereafter. Of course the NSS Bookstore, the Caver Co-op and the usual suspects will be leading the way. The vendor and non profit exhibit area will be directly adjacent to registration and across the hall from our largest sessions. Plans are to open at noon on Saturday with on site registration.

### **Lifetime Cavers Renewing Lifetime Commitments**

A vow renewal ceremony is planned, where caver couples will be renewing their lifetime vows in a public ceremony. We will be inviting couples interested in participating in this celebration. We are still working out the time and place as well as the details of this event. Watch for an announcement coming soon. Plans are for unique caver elements to be a feature of what will be a keystone event during our "Lifetime Of Caving" themed convention. A single request to have a vow renewal during the convention led to a request from others to join in.