

NSS 2026 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

	MONDAY			TUESDAY			WEDNESDAY			THURSDAY			FRIDAY		
	Event	Time	Where	Event	Time	Where	Event	Time	Where	Event	Time	Where	Event	Time	Where
<b>Morning</b>	Opening Ceremony	8:30 -9:00	High School Main Entrance	Yoga	8:00-9:00	202	Coffee & Karst	8:00-9:00	Registration Hallway	Yoga	8:00-9:00	202	BOG Meeting	9:00-Noon	104
	BOG Open Meeting	9:00-Noon	104	Coffee & Karst	8:00-9:00	Registration Hallway	International Exploration	9:00-Noon	Auditorium	Contingency Considerations in Caving	8:00-Noon	Junior High Gym	NSF Trustees Meeting (open)	9:00-Noon	112
	Cave Exploration of the Ohio Valley Region: Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky	9:00-Noon	Auditorium	US Exploration	9:00-Noon	Auditorium	Biospeleology	8:00-12:30	205	Spelean History	9:00-Noon	205	Geology and Geography	9:00 - Noon	Auditorium
	Introduction to Sketching: Digital and Paper	9:00-Noon	205	Cavers Against Sexual Harassment	9:00-Noon	154	Speleothem Repair Workshop Part II	9:00-Noon	in-cave	Planned Giving	9:00-Noon	112	Arts & Letters	8:30-Noon	154
	Speleology for Cavers	9:00-Noon	254	Cave Conservation & Management	9:00-Noon	205	Cave Digging Section	9:00-Noon	254	Vertical Section session	9:00-2:00	254	Fine Art Salon Critique	9:00-10:00	Library
	Carlsbad Cavers Listening Session	9:00-noon	154	Speleothem Repair Workshop Part I	9:00-Noon	254	Discover Vertical Caving	9:00-12:30	100	Paleontology	9:00-Noon	102	Cartographic Salon Critique	10:00-Noon	Vendors area catwalk (Aux. Gym)
	NCRC Annual Meeting	9:00-Noon	110	Discover Vertical Caving	9:00-12:30	100	Caving & Culture	9:00-Noon	102	Cave Photography Workshop	9:00-1:00	In-cave	Photo Salon Critique	10:00-Noon	Library
	Sketching Contest	8:00am - 7:00pm	In-cave	Interagency Meeting	9:00-Noon	102	NPS Cave Managers Meeting	9:00-Noon	112	<b>Karst Hydrology of the Lost River field trip. Departs at 9am and returns by 3pm. See Program guide for details.</b>			Print Salon Critique	10:00-Noon	Library
				Sketching Contest	8:00am - 7:00pm	In-cave							Cave Ballad Salon Critique	10:00-Noon	Library
			<b>Biology field trip - Wyandotte Cave</b> led by Jerry Lewis and Wyatt Williams. Meet at Wyandotte Cave at 9am. See Program guide for details.									Video Salon Viewing	9:00-Noon	102	
<b>Lunchtime meetings and sessions</b>	10 Years of The Caving Podcast (Indiana focus)	Noon-1:00	Auditorium	Luminary Speaker: Catherine "Cat" & Charlie Bishop	12:30-1:30	Auditorium	Luminary Speaker: Gordon Smith	12:30-1:30	Auditorium	Luminary Speaker: Jill Yager	12:30-1:30	Auditorium	The Caving Podcast Live featuring: Jason Ballensky & Dustin Ksner	Noon-1:00	254
	Speleology Class Lunch	Noon-1:00	254	Cave Conservation & Management	Noon-1:00	205				Vertical Section Lunch/Business Meeting	Noon-2:00	254	Arts and Letters Lunch	Noon-1:00	154
	Vertical Climbing Contests	1:00pm start	Junior High Gym	Book Signing: Mud, Water & Guts Gary T. Roberson	11:30-1:00	Vendors area (Aux. Gym)				NCKMS Steering Committee	Noon-1:00	110	Geology and Geography meeting	Noon-1:00	Auditorium
	Communications & Electronics	12:30-2:00	154							Book Signing: Mud, Water & Guts- Gary T. Roberson	11:30-1:00	Vendors Area (Aux. Gym)	Survey & Cartography Session	Noon-1:00	205
	BOG Lunch (Closed)	Noon-2:00	104												
	Fine Arts Salon Opening	12:00-2:00	Library												
<b>Afternoon</b>	Cave Exploration of the Ohio Valley Region: Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky	1:00-5:00	Auditorium	US Exploration	2:00-5:00	Auditorium	International Exploration	2:00-5:00	Auditorium	Cave Diving Exploration	1:00-5:00	254	Geology and Geography	1:00-5:00	Auditorium
	BOG Meeting (Closed)	2:00 - 5:00	104	Cave Conservation & Management, Celebrating Robb Stitt	2:00-4:00 4:00-5:00	205	Congress of Grottos	2:00-5:00	102	State Cave Surveys	1:00-5:00	205	Survey & Cartography Session	1:00-5:00	205
	Vertical Climbing Contests	1:00-5:00	Junior High Gym	Convention Planning	2:00-5:00	110	Speleophilatelic Section	1:00-2:00	110	Convention Debrief	2:00-5:00	112	Arts & Letters	1:00-4:00	154
	Speleology for Cavers	1:00-5:00	254	Vertical Climbing Contests	1:00-5:00	Junior High Gym	Pottery Demonstration by Peter Jones	1:00-3:00	283	NSS Preserves & Acquisitions	2:00-5:00	110	BOG Meeting	1:00-5:00	104
	Vertical Training Commission (VTC)	1:00-4:00	205							NSS Awards Committee	2:00-3:00 open 4:00-5:00 closed	104	Collegiate Grotto Challenges and Solutions	1:30-3:00	110
	Communications & Electronics	2:00-5:00	112							Cave Photography Session	2:00-5:00	154	NSF Trustees Meeting (closed)	1:00-5:00	112
	In-Cave Sketching: Paper & Digital	1:00-5:00	in-cave							Sketching Contest Results	3:00-4:00	Vendors area catwalk (Aux. Gym)			
Cave Conservancy Roundtable	1:00-4:00	102							Archaeology	2:00-5:00	102				
<b>Evening</b>	Howdy Party Dinner/Music : The Creekers	5:30-7:30	Fairgrounds	Fellows & New Members Reception	6:30-8:30	Discovery Center	<b>Stargazer Float Trip:</b> Departing Cave Country Canoes between 5:00-7:00pm See program guide for details			Photo Salon and Salon Awards Short Show	5:30-7:00	Auditorium	NSS Awards Banquet	6:00 - 8:30	Fairgrounds
	Cave Open House (shuttles provided to/from)	6:30-10:00	Indiana Caverns	Open Mic	7:00-9:00	Campground Stage	NSS Auction	7:00 start	223	Full Photo Salon and Salon Awards	7:30-10:00	Auditorium	Farewell Party/Music: Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band	9:00-Midnight at Fairgrounds	
				Keynote Speaker: Genevieve von Petzinger	9:00 start	Auditorium	Campground Party/Music: Muchos Garcias	9:00 start	Fairgrounds	Caver Story Telling Contest	10:00-Midnight	Windell Ag. Building			
			Karaoke	10:00 start	Campground Stage										

**Week-long** **Amateur Radio** \*Special Event Station located on fairgrounds. **CaveSim** (outside of the HS), **JSS** (see schedule on p. 27), **Fine Arts Salons** (library), **Cartography Salon** (Gym catwalk), **Vendors, Cavers Co-Op** and **NSS Bookstore** in Auxiliary gym

**Multi-day** **Wyandotte Cave guided tours** on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings. **Mammoth Cave Floor Map**, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Windell Ag Building. See program guide for details on various events.