

BSA Scout Groups visiting NCC or northeast NSS caves:

Troop name & number \_\_\_\_\_

BSA Council \_\_\_\_\_

Troop address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of scouts \_\_\_\_ Number of adult leaders going underground \_\_\_\_

- G BSA allows Boy Scouts to only enter easily accessible, non-technical/non-vertical wild caves. Venture Scouts may be ready to explore more technical wild caves if properly trained. Cub scouts and Webelos are NOT permitted in wild caves.
- G Scout rules limit group size to a maximum of 14 individuals including leaders. There may be no more than 12 scouts.

Scout rule requirements state that "for trips to non-vertical caves, there must be one Qualified Trip Leader, at least 21 years of age, and one additional Trip Leader, that is at least 16 years of age. Qualified Trip Leaders must have recent and ongoing caving experience and preferably be a member of the NSS or equivalent. They must be proficient in all necessary established safety practices including cave rescue, and must also understand conservation measures, courtesy to cave owners, and any current environmental concerns for that caving area. The Qualified Trip Leader must be very familiar with the cave to be visited." What are the names of these leaders and their experience?

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- G Equipment requirements include, but are not limited to:
  - Helmet with a quick release clip. (Should meet UIAA or CE standards.)
  - Have 3 sources of light (two headlamps securely mounted on the helmet and another headlamp easily accessible)
  - Sets of spare batteries for each headlamp
  - Wear proper clothing for the environment (consult Qualified Trip Leader)
  - Gloves (with fingers)
  - Appropriate footwear as specified by Qualified Trip Leader
  - Knee pads & elbow pads are strongly recommended"

I've read all of Cave Safely, Cave Softly at [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/cave\\_safely\\_cave\\_softly.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/cave_safely_cave_softly.pdf). I understand it and will abide by all its requirements and recommendations.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (An e-signature is acceptable)

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

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