

Please note that effective 1/1/18 we will no longer be requiring or collecting waivers. Do not submit them. You will still need to get a permit from the Special Use group coordinator for your trip.

For trips to caves owned by the National Speleological Society, Inc. we still require a COI naming them as additionally insured. See list below.

For groups with any minors, trip organizers are required to share the following statement with the minors's parents or guardians.

NOTICE OF RISK

Cave exploration and hiking on karst terrain may involve risk or injury, even death from various hazards, both obvious and obscure, including, but not limited to, slippery and uneven ground, open pits, injury by acts of other people, falling, being struck by falling objects, becoming lost, the presence or sudden appearance of water, and hypothermia. All cave visitors will abide by the normally accepted rules of safe and conservation-minded caving as outlined by the National Speleological Society by visiting <http://caves.org>, or contacting them by writing to: 6001 Pulaski Pike, Huntsville, AL 35810-1122.

Depending on the cave, trip organizers will send the attached form to attest that they have done this or that they have no minors participating in their trip.

Boy Scout groups: With the elimination of the Tour & Activity Plan, Boy Scout groups will be required the also fill out the BSA NCC form-2019.pdf. (Attached.) Do NOT use the form from 2017. The 2018 form represents the latest scout rules. (There are a number of significant changes.)

Who owns what cave/preserve	
Northeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc.	National Speleological Society, Inc.
Clarksville Cave	Schoharie Caverns
Bentleys Cavern	Balls Cave
Onesquethaw Cave	McFalls Cave
Knox Cave	
Ella Armstrong Cave	
Merlins Cave	
Sellecks Cave	
Bensons Cave	
Spider Cave	
	Caves that require expertise in vertical caving techniques.

National Speleological Society, Inc.

Notification of Risk

THIS IS NOT A PERMIT

My name is _____.

My group name is _____.

We are going to the _____ Preserve on ____/____/20____.

____ I have no minors on my trip. OR

____ I have shared the following statement with the parents or guardians of all minors

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Signed _____ ____/____/20____

The original of this must be sent via USPS mail to the NCC, PO Box 254, Schoharie, NY 12157 on or before the date of the planned trip unless otherwise directed by the Special Use coordinator. Only original signatures will be accepted. No e-signatures or scans will be accepted.

Please note that cave-for-pay groups are not permitted in NSS caves.