

#### **Activities Issue**

- **Karst-O-Rama** at the Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve July 10 − 12
- NSS Convention at the very beautiful University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee August 3-7.
- COG Picnic and Rope Climbing in the Hocking Hills August 15.
- **WORMFEST** at Levi Jackson State Park, Kentucky August 28 30.
- 49<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OLD TIMES' REUNION, Daily, West Virginia
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# Attend the 1998 NSS Convention Sewanee, Tennessee



#### **GROTTO INFORMATION**

The Central Ohio Grotto of the National Speleological Society meets at 8:00 p.m. the second Friday of each month at the Worthington Presbyterian Church. The Church is on the north west corner of the square in Worthington, Ohio (intersection of High Street and SR 161). Parking is available behind the church. Please contact a grotto officer or committee chairman for information and caving trips.

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Dues: \$15 per year individual or \$20 per year per household. Membership includes the C.O.G. Squeaks.

The COG Squeaks is the official newsletter of the Central Ohio Grotto. Subscription is \$15.00 per year per address. The Central Ohio Grotto publishes the COG Squeaks ten times per year.

Articles on cave exploration and study, cave trip reports, cave fiction, cave poetry, cave related cartoons, or cave related art are encouraged. Please send to Bill Walden via mail, disk, E-mail, or fax. Free disks and mailers are available from Bill at the meetings. Contact Bill for information on modem or fax transmission.

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#### KARST CALENDAR

July COG Meeting is cancelled. Plan to attend Karst-O-Rama.

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July 10-12, '98 Karst-O-Rama GSP. Contact James

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| Aug. 3-7, '98   | NSS Convention, Sewanee, TN                  |
|-----------------|--|
| Aug. 15         | COG picnic and rope climbing practice at the |
|                 | Hocking Hills rappelling area. NO AUGUST     |
|                 | MEETING.                                     |
| Aug. 28-30      | WORMFEST @ Levi Jackson SP, KY               |
| Sept. 11        | COG Meeting at the Presbyterian Church on    |
|                 | the Square, Worthington, Ohio.               |
| Sep. 26         | Sinkhole clean up project. Look for more     |
|                 | information in the September, COG Squeaks    |
| Oct. 10         | Halloween-O-Roast. Saturday in place of a    |
|                 | meeting.                                     |
| Nov. 13         | COG Meeting                                  |
| Dec. 12         | COG Christmas Party and Meeting. Get those   |
|                 | devious minds working now.                   |
| July 12-16, '99 | NSS Convention, Twin Falls County            |
|                 | Fairgrounds, Filer, Idaho.                   |

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### **COG Meeting Minutes June 1998**

Meeting called to order at 8:08 P.M. After much discussion the COG meeting schedule through October 1998 is:

#### JULY--meeting cancelled

AUGUST: Meet Saturday August 15th for a picnic & climbing session.

Where: Hocking Hills-Conkles Hollow State Forest Rapelling-Area parking lot.

When: 9:00 AM

Bring: Climbing/rappelling gear and picnic lunch

SEPTEMBER--Regular meeting time and place.

OCTOBER--Meet Saturday, October 10th. Party at the Walden's home.

Current plans include 2PM-rope practice, 7PM bonfire and Scavenger hunt to follow. Bill and Karen will provide burgers and brats. Bring potluck for the rest.

Please disregard the COG meeting schedule from the May minutes published in the last Squeaks. Sorry about the mix-up. Lacie

TREASURER'S REPORT-- \$50.00 in dues taken in. Ending balance \$499.86.

Dick Maxey motioned that the grotto reimburses Bill Walden from the Treasury for the rest of the fieldhouse expense (\$40). Chuck Daehnke seconded. Members voted yes. Bill mentioned that Jon Gardner had donated a door for the fieldhouse. Joe Gibson said he has a wooden interior door that can be used for the fieldhouse.

TOY COMMITTEE--Don Conover passed around a triangular strobe light. Cost: around \$20 for an interesting photography tool.

Don also had a couple of calendar updates: The NCRC cancelled the Dailey, WV course because of lack of signups. Also, the last weekend of September conservation project is cleaning out sinkholes near Peebles, Ohio Cave in Adams Co. OH.

YOUTH COMMITTEE--Pat Kelly said the scout troop didn't make it to MAR.

SQUEAKS COMMITTEE--Got one out.

SURVEY COMMITTEE--No report.

TRIP REPORTS--

Bill Walden went to a Wayne county cave rarely visited by cavers. It is pretty much closed by the owner. The cave had a major stream passage, good rock stratification and lots of oil in the cave.

Joe Gibson took Boy Scouts on May 30th to Climax cave and let them spend some time in the maze section.

Pat Kelly went to MAR in Kutztown, PA. On Saturday he went to Onyx cave, a closed commercial cave, on a private tour and then into another cave with crystal clear water. The cave owner uses the water so they had to be careful. He also went to Speleofest with Jon Gardner.

Went into a saltpetre cave on Saturday and a wetsuit cave on Sunday.

Katie Walden went on a Geology field trip to WV, MD and VA. Ran into too many spiders when she couldn't resist crawling in an opening.

#### OLD BUSINESS--

The proposed Ohio Cave rescue seminar is running into a problem--Lack of a Cave. Pat Kelly called some places and got negative responses. Let Pat know if some one comes up with a suitable cave. Otherwise, the cave rescue seminar may be dropped.

#### **UPCOMING TRIPS--**

- Pat Kelly--Going to Karst-O-Rama
- Lacie Braley--Going to Climax Cave with Girl Scouts
- George Hagan--Going to Rose Cave in Indiana
- Joe Gibson--Wind Cave in South Dakota on vacation.

PROGRAM--Vice-chair Steve Aspery brought in a video of "Bill Nye the Science Guy" on caves. It was fast paced and had some ideas for the grotto Christmas party--It's not too early to start thinking!

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

#### **COG MEETINGS**

The Worthington Presbyterian Church is having events for homeless people the day of our regular meeting in August and October. We will not have access to the church those days.

#### JULY - No meeting.

Please attend Karst-O-Rama 98 at the Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve, Mount Vernon, Kentucky July 10 through 12, 1998;

#### AUGUST - No Regular Meeting.

Rope climbing practice and picnic August 15, 1998, 9:00 a.m. Good chance to try out the new equipment you purchased at the convention.

The Central Ohio Grotto will have a rope climbing practice at the Hocking Hills Rappelling area. The rappelling area is east of Conkel's Hollow on Big Pine Road. We plan to meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot for

the climbing area. The parking lot is on the left side of the road if you are approaching from the Conkel's Hollow area. The climbing area is to the right. Bring picnic supplies and plenty to drink. No alcoholic beverages are permitted in Ohio State Parks. We will probably have the picnic later in the afternoon at the Conkel's Hollow picnic area.

#### SEPTEMBER - Regular meeting.

OCTOBER – No Regular Meeting – Halloween-O-Roast. Halloween-O-Roast Saturday, October 10, 1998 at the home of Bill and Karen Walden.

Following the tradition started by the late Doctor Jake Elberfeld we will celebrate a Halloween-O-Roast. Activities will begin at 2:00 p.m. for a rope climbing practice in the Walden's barn. This is a good opportunity to test new equipment, modify equipment, or make some new equipment. The grotto has plenty of webbing and there will be stitching awls available.

If the creek is still up, we may have kayaking and canoeing available. (Unlikely in October, but just maybe -- maybe . . . .)

The Halloween-O-Roast will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a cook out over a campfire. A short meeting will follow the dinner.

Bring your flashlights. We are planning some type of scavenger hunt in the woods behind the Waldens' property.

NOVEMBER - Regular meeting.

DECEMBER – The COG Annual Christmas Party, Saturday, December 12, 1998. 6:00 p.m. at the Waldens' home.

Get your devious minds working early. Every Christmas the COG has a gift exchange and dinner. The object of the gift exchange is humor. Members so inclined, most are, bring a gift and put it under the Christmas Tree. Everyone who brings a gift draws a number. The number determines the order in which gifts are drawn.

As stated the object is humor. The original custom required the recipient of a gift to use it on his next caving trip. This spirit continues.

Watch for more on the COG Christmas Party later.

#### **COG SQUEAKS SUMMER 1998**

### The 1998 NSS Convention Sewanee, Tennessee

The 1998 NSS Convention is being held from August 3-7 in Sewanee, Tenessee. Sewannee is a small southern town located on top of Monteagle Mountain.

Sewanee is located off I-24 between Chattanooga (45 miles to the southeast) and Nashville (90 miles to the northwest). Modern airports are located in Chattanooga, Hunstville, and Nashville; there is also a small municipal airport in Sewanee. Sessions will be held at the University of the South (http://www.sewanee.edu/), a beautiful campus in the middle of the town.

Sewanee, Tennessee is in the heart of TAG country. (For those of you, who don't know, TAG is for Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia.) This is the country of cave legends, the deepest caves in the United States, some of the best horizontal caves, an area rich in cave history and prehistory, wet caves, dry caves, whatever your flavor in caves might be you will find it here. (Well, sorry no lava tubes!)

The 1998 convention is being held at the very beautiful University of the South. The buildings are of the style of Oxford, England. This is an Episcopalian university. It is not dry! The university is among the highest rated liberal arts colleges in the nation. When you arrive at the convention, be sure to pick up a copy of *Under the Sun at Sewanee*. This little book\_describes many walks and the environment around Sewanee. As I remember, it even describes some caves that can be found on the campus.

The last Sewanee convention was in 1989. It was a great and memorable convention. Do – Do attend this 1998 convention. Bill Walden – COG Squeaks Editor.

#### Convention Schedule as of 1 July 1998.

#### **Monday**

Opening Ceremonies 8:30 to 9:00
Speleophilatelic Section Meeting 10 to noon
BCI Bats and Caves 9 to noon
Speleomassage 9 to noon
Paleontology session 9 to noon
Sketching Workshop 8:30 to noon
Human Sciences Section 10 to noon
BOG open meeting 9 to noon

Learn open session 2 to 4 BCI Bat Education workshop 1 to 5 Medical Session 2 to 4
Geology Poster Session 2 to 5
Cartography Workshop 1 to 5
Lavender cavers meeting 1 to 2:30
Cave Trivia Round 1 to 6
SpeleoArt Session 1 to 5

Vertical Contests 9 to 5 Speleo Olympics 9 to 5 GIS/Cartography Display all week

Howdy Party 7 to 11

#### **Tuesday**

International Exploration 9 to 5
Biology Section papers 8:30 to noon
Dye Tracing Workshop 9 to 11
National Cave Mgnt Symp 9 to noon
NCRC Board meeting 9 to noon
SpeleoArt in cave sketching 8 to noon
Photography Section 9 to 5
Video Section Meeting/Session 9 to noon

New Frontiers in Biospeleology 1 to 5 Rescue Section Meeting 2 to 5 SpeleoArt Official Opening 1 to 5

Vertical Contests all day Cave Trivia Part II Finals 7 to 9 Observatory open house 8 to 10 The Great Debate 7 to 8

#### Wednesday

American Exploration 8:30 to 5:30
Conservation & Restoration Workshop 9 to 5
Project Underground 9 to 5
Taxonomy and Systematics of Cave Organisms in the 21<sup>st</sup>
Century: A look ahead 9 to noon
Video Section In-Cave workshop 8 to noon
Pit Photography workshop
Congress of Grottos 9 to noon
Karst Hydrology Workshop 9 to noon
Rebelay Instructional workshop 9 to 3

Cave Ballads 1 to 3 Vertical Session 2 to 5 Awards Committee 3 to 5 SpeleoArt – Artists working together on Collaborative project. 1 to 5

Wednesday night party 7 to 11 Speleo Auction 7 to 10 Observatory Open House 8 to 10

#### **Thursday**

Convention Planning Meeting 9 to 10
Geology/Geography Session 9 to 5
Survey and Cartography Session 9 to 5
Judging of Computer maps 9 to noon
Speleohistory 9 to 1
Editors Workshop 9 to noon
Electronics & Communication Session 9 to noon
SpeleoArt Sketching trip 8 to noon

Digging Section 1 to 5
IO Roundtable 2 to 4
Hawaii Session 1 to 5
NSF Board Meeting 2 to 4
Vertical Workshop 1 to 5
Video Section Demo and workshop 1 to 5

Photo Salon and Salon Awards 8:30 to end

#### Friday

Cave Conservancy Roundtable 9 to noon
Video Salon Screening 9 to 1
Carto Salon Critique 10 to noon
Print Salon Critique 10 to 11
SpeleoArt Display Collaborative Piece and field trip
works 9 to 5
BOG meeting 9 to 5 (Closed)

NSS Awards Banquet 6:30 to end.

There is even more!

**Sunday August 2:** 

# Field Trip & Tour Information GEOLOGY/CAVER'S FIELD TRIP

There will be two different geology field trips on Sunday. The standard geology trip will be for those who want to be exposed to the Cumberland Plateau. The caver's trip will focus on limestone beds, the primary cave bearing formation in the area. The guide on the caver's trip promises to use short sentences and small words. Reservations are required so that we can provide adequate transportation.

These trips will be all day trips. They will leave early Sunday and not return until after dark. Lunch and supper will be provided. The geology field trips are based around a model developed by the Geology department at The University of the South where the convention is sited. Sewanee sits at the junction of the Cumberland Plateau and the Valley and Ridge

area. The trip will sample both areas. There will be several fossil collection sites featured with time for collection by participants. There will be two levels of explanation. In one bus a university professor will be able to answer questions on a scientist's level. On the other bus, a well-known caver from the area will aim the dialogue at the level of cavers. Space is limited. It is necessary to indicate which bus you want to be on.

#### **CIVIL WAR HISTORY TOUR**

Noted caver and civil historian, Marion Smith will conduct this trip. This trip will leave early Sunday and get back late that night. Lunch, Supper and snacks will be provided. The tour will follow the movements of the Union army from the central Tennessee area toward the Chattanooga area. It will feature a special tour of the Chickamaugua Battlefield and museum. Also, there will be a visit to Point Park where The Battle Above The Clouds was fought. This trip is limited to two buses so register early.

#### **CUMBERLAND CAVERNS TOUR**

Cumberland Caverns Tour: One of middle Tennessee's classic commercial caves will be visited on Tuesday afternoon. You will be transported by air conditioned bus. The visit will include the famous historic entrance tour. It features the development of the cave from the first visits to the world class commercial cave it is today. The cave is owned and operated by long time NSS member and early pioneer Roy Davis. After the caving trip, Supper will be provided the Grand Ballroom (and we do mean grand). Also you will have the opportunity to view the commercial tour. You will be back in time for bed. Preregister now for a place on the bus.

Note: All field trips will be on modern air conditioned buses

And yet, even more and more!

### 1998 NSS Convention Field Camp Information

A variety of pre- and post-convention field camps are available for cavers before and after the 1998 NSS Convention. Contact the individuals or organizations listed below for registration and details on specific field camp plans and activities.

#### **Pre-Convention Camps**

#### **Huntsville Grotto Caving Camp**

The Huntsville Grotto is hosting a Pre-Convention Camp starting Friday afternoon July 31. It is limited to a limited number of Pre-Registered cavers who do not live in the TAG region. There will be an NSS Office Open House on Friday evening along with a led trip into a lantern lit Shelta Cave next to NSS Office. On Saturday night, there will be a Chili supper followed by a Band. On both Saturday and Sunday mornings, the campground owners will host a low-cost breakfast bar. Outdoor showers are available in the campground.

The caving with include guided trips to both Horizontal and Vertical caves, including Fern & Kennemer, and many more Madison county. There are 10 open-air pits of at least 200 feet in depth within the city limits of Huntsville alone! You get all this for \$12. Profits will go to Southeastern Cave Conservancy. Contact Roger Haley PO Box 822 Madison, AL 35758 at rdhaley@ingr.com (205) 233-4442.

#### **TAG Deep Caving Camp**

Alan Cressler is hosting a Pre-Convention Deep Cave Camp in North Alabama. July 25-July 31. There will be primitive camping near Champion Springs, 10-12 miles from Stevenson, AL on Skyline Wildlife Management area. Please note that the closest supplies or phone is in Stevenson. Maximum of 25 people.

The area caves include Thunder Hole, Blunder Hole, Stoned Well, Illiad-Odyssey Cave, Elmos Canyon, Teddy Bear Well, Mandy's Pit, 67 Dollar Pit, Little Coon Never Hole, other horizontal caves. The main purpose of camp is to do advanced vertical caving. For Pre-Registration, Email Alan Cressler by July 1,1998. He will have alternate list if too many sign up. Registration will be collected on site. Camp restricted to cavers who are experienced in advanced vertical techniques. This is not a training environment. Alan reserves the right to refuse entry into any cave. References may be required. Minimum age 13. Under 18 must be accompanied by parent.

The cost is \$30 for the week. No refunds for partial week. Only weeklong commitments will be considered. Proceeds to SCCI and Skyline Wildlife Management area.

Contact Alan Cressler at cressler@usgs.gov

#### **VPI Grotto Caving Camp**

The VPI Cave Club is hosting a Pre NSS Convention Field Camp at the Bat Ranch in Newport, VA. Limited to 20 people, it will open Thursday, July 30, about the middle of the afternoon. There will be guided and self-guided trips to caves in Giles Co. which include Clover Hollow, Newberry-Banes, Starnes, Tawney's, Links, Stay High, and other caves which were open for the 1995 NSS Convention.

Registration is \$15, Children 12 and under, \$7. This includes a hamburger/hot dog BBQ Saturday night. A 3 ½ hour Geology Field trip featuring Geology of the Clover Hollow area will be led by Wil Orndorff on Saturday morning. The campground includes porta john, shower, potable water, hot tub, creek, bonfire, picnic tables, gas grill, and canoeing. Contact Sandy Knapp (540) 381-0185 sandyk@vt.edu or Mike Newsome (540) 626-3386 caveman@swva.net

NSS Pre-Convention Field Camp 1998

Location: near Blacksburg, VA (1995 Convention)

Dates: July 30th - August 2, 1998, Thursday - Sunday

Hosts: **VPI** Cave Club Limit: 20 people

Fee: Adults \$15, Children 12 and under \$7

Contacts: Mike Newsome (540)626-3386 caveman@swva.net

Sandy Knapp (540)381-0185 sandyk@vt.edu

Campground - Porta-potty, shower, potable water,

creek, bonfire, picnic tables, gas grill.

Caving - All levels of vertical and horizontal caving within 1 hour of camping, three within walking distance. Self guided and led trips available. Geology Field Trip - Geology of Clover Hollow area, 3.5 hours, by Wil Orndorff Saturday morning. Other Activities - Nature trail, hiking (close to Appalachian Trail), tubing on Sinking Creek, canoeing, hot tub, and squeezebox. Food - Hamburger/hotdog BBQ Saturday night.

#### **Post Convention Camps**

#### Pine Mountain Grotto Caving Camp

The Pine Mountain Grotto is hosting a Post Convention Camp at the Wilderness Road Campground in Cumberland Gap National Historic Park on the Kentucky/Virginia border. The featured caves include guided trips to Cudjos and some of the many others in the area.

Starts noon Saturday after convention. There will be a small charge of \$5 to cover beer keg. Contact Doug Hufziger (606) 528-1246 cavedoug@sun-spot.com

#### **Southport Chronic Caving Camp**

The Southport Chronic Cavers are hosting a Post Convention Field Camp starting at noon on August 8th at Southport Saltpeter Cave in Maury Co. TN. Check with contact for directions. There will be led trips into Southport Saltpeter Cave and possibly other Maury and Lewis Co. caves.

There will be very primitive camping with no utilities with room for about 20 tents. Bring food and drink with you. Shelter and fire pits will be provided. Contacts are Rob Robbins h. (931) 381-2970 w. (931) 486-6524 cvmnrob@edge.net or Buddy Baldwin (931) 379-4404.

The Bluegrass Grotto is hosting a Post Convention Field Camp at the Great Saltpetre Cave. Camping is \$2 per person. The showers will be open, and depending on demand there will be some caving trips as well. This is open to anyone coming home from convention and offers a good stopover before heading home.

Contact Pat Johnson Cavwitch@aol.com Thank you for your interest in the 1998 NSS Convention Field Camps. Please contact the individuals listed above as contacts for more details. Feel free to post or copy this information freely as long as the source is listed as the "1998 NSS Convention."

You get fed also!

### **Food Service**

Gailor Hall houses a modern all-you-can eat food bar. Whether grabbing a quick sandwich or sitting down to 3 hot meals a day, the food is great. Check out our meal ticket - 13 meals for only \$65! That's \$5 per meal and it includes all taxes and your drink. Note: Meal Tickets are per person, and include breakfast, lunch and dinner for 5 days, minus the Monday Night Howdy Party and the NSS Awards Banquet.

#### Hours of Service (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner), Monday-Friday:

Breakfast 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Lunch 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Dinner 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Prices: Cost per meal pay at the door in Gailor

hall:

Breakfast \$4.00 Lunch \$6.00 Dinner \$8.00

#### **Meal Tickets**

The thirteen meal ticket is \$65 and can be purchased with registration. Meal tickets are good for five breakfasts, five lunches and three dinners for one person. Sharing of meal cards is not permitted. Meal tickets are numbered and will be furnished by Marriott Food Services for use of one person only. A list of meal ticket holders will be kept at the cashier desk in Gailor hall so if a meal card is lost or forgotten the registrant can still sign and eat. Sack lunches may be substituted for scheduled meals for those people who know they will be off site at mealtime. Sign up sheets for sack lunches will be posted at registration and in Gailor hall. You must sign up at least one day ahead to insure a sack lunch will be ready for you.

Meal card holders who attend catered luncheons can get credit for their meal card and then pay the difference for the catered luncheon.

#### Luncheons

Catering services are available but will be limited to TWO catered luncheons outside of Gailor hall per day. Reservations for catered luncheons must be submitted ONE WEEK ahead of the desired date. Although we will try to work with last minute adjustments, we are obligated to turn in the order one week ahead of the scheduled meal. Catered meals will cost more than eating in Gailor hall. Coordination for menu planning and space allocations should be done ASAP. Contact FOOD SERVICE Chair for menu planning, prices and coordination. Contact SESSIONS CHAIR to arrange for space.

Gailor hall has a large dining room, which has room for small group meetings at lunchtime. Unless special facilities are required small groups desiring luncheons are encouraged to meet in Gailor hall during the regular lunchtime.

Box lunches are available for \$5 each and may be taken to classrooms if desired. Two days notice is required for box lunch meals.

Groups desiring catered meals or box lunches should designate a responsible party to furnish a list of names and collect money. We must have a guarantee of payment to order food. Please contact the FOOD SERVICE CHAIR to work out the details.

#### **Alcohol**

We are not selling it. (You can buy it at stores off campus.) Beer as well as other non-alcoholic beverages will be served to registrants 21 and older at the Howdy Party and possibly other events.

Bill Jackson Food Service Chair bill588716@aol.com

# The NSS convention is for Cavers. If you are a caver, this convention is for you!

What an excellent opportunity to learn more about your hobby, to go caving, to contribute that which you have learned, to win new friends, reaffirm old friendships, see what other cavers are doing and have done, learn more about the history involved in caves and caving.

I urge you all to go.

What a cheap vacation! I know that most of you cavers are cheap bastards – it's a tradition, what can I say. Perhaps it results because we spend our money on gasoline to get to the caves. Anyhow here are the costs:

Principal Registrant (NSS) \$100.00
Principal Registrant (NON NSS) \$130.00
Accompanier (NSS) \$85.00
Accompanier (NON NSS) \$115.00
Child (Ages 6-16) \$35.00
4 Footed Pets (6.25 per Foot) \$25.00
Caver's Geology Trip - Sunday \$35.00
Geologist's Geology Trip - Sunday \$35.00
Civil War History Tour - Sunday \$35.00
Cumberland Caverns - Tuesday \$35.00
Vertical Section Workshop \$25.00
Camping (No Hookups Available) \$15.00
(Dorms - 12 & Under with sleeping bag - Free)
5 Nights - Single Occupancy \$126.00

5 Nights - Double Occupancy \$90.00
7 Nights - Single Occupancy \$146.00
7 Nights - Double Occupancy \$107.00
T-shirt \_\_S \_\_M \_\_L \$10.00
XL \_\_XXL \_\_XXXL \$11.00
Additional Guidebook \$15.00
Postage to mail Guidebook \$4.50
Convention Patch \$5.00
Convention Pin \$5.00
Meal Ticket (13 Meals) \$65.00
Less Discount (Each Registration)
No Banquet Option \$-10.00

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