



Caving Organizations



A.S.S. 9/21/2023
Jakob Denton



March 2023- First Encounter



April



Finding out what he eats



Hanging out







RIP Pringle

?-Sept 2023



A wonderful little guy who
brought joy to many cavers

He will be missed





N.S.S.

National Speleological Society

Founded in 1941

Over 8,000 members!

<https://caves.org/>

N.S.S.

Over 250 chapters (Grottos)
Aggie Grotto is a chapter!
Up to 45% discount with expert voice
Ability to buy sick merch (**bat sticker**)
Hosts yearly N.S.S Convention
Membership gets you access to the N.S.S.
newsletter (and much more)





S.C.C.i

Southeastern Cave Conservancy

- Founded in 1991
- Largest land conservancy dedicated solely to cave and karst landscape conservation in the entire world
- Manages 170+ caves in 7 U.S. states
- <https://saveyourcaves.org/>



Manages Awesome Caves Such as:

Steven's Gap (Alabama)



Valhalla (Alabama)



N.C.K.R.I.

National Cave & Karst Research Institute

“created by the US Congress in 1998 in partnership with the National Park Service, State of New Mexico, and the City of Carlsbad to be a nexus of research, stewardship, information and outreach for caves and karst while fostering interdisciplinary collaborations.” (*nckri.org*)

Headquarters located in Carlsbad NM
Publishes and produces cave-related
research/literature
Offer grants to those pursuing cave
research projects
<https://nckri.org/>





T.C.M.A.

Texas Cave Management Association
Founded in 1986

Oldest Cave Conservancy in Texas

If you went to Whirlpool this semester you are a member (wow)
Manages Aggie Grotto favs such as Whirlpool and Deep & Punkin
Jenna is youngest member of Board of Directors in history UwU

<https://www.tcmacaves.org/>



T.C.M.A. Caves

Whirlpool Cave (Austin)



Punkin Cave (Carta Valley)



T.S.A.

Texas Speleological Association

Founded in 1956

Non-profit

Internal organization of the N.S.S.

Membership gets you a subscription to *The Texas Caver* magazine

Hosts Texas Caver's Reunion & TSA Spring convention

<https://www.cavetexas.org/>





N.P.S.

National Parks Service

Manages the parks (caving and other) we all know and love

Carlsbad Caverns, Mammoth Cave

Many job opportunities (Jenna interned here last year)



N.P.S. Cave Parks

Carlsbad Caverns (she is perfect)



Mammoth Cave (we love her too just a little less)





B.L.M.

Bureau of Land Management (federal)
Not a cave-specific organization, but manages caves on
B.L.M. lands

Manages nearly 800 caves mostly in karst (limestone)
regions

Application for permits very similar to TCMA

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/recreation-programs/caves-and-karst>





B.C.I.

Bat Conservation International

Founded in 1982

Works to protect and research bats across the world

Many job opportunities (Dr. Amanda Adams)

We worked with them over spring break last year!

Headquarters in Austin

<https://www.batcon.org/>



A.S.S. x B.C.I.

Aggie Grotto members



If you want to responsibly handle bats B.C.I. is your best bet





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net, that fit
our training

