

OTR Event Tent Schedule of Events

Thursday, August 29

7:00 PM

OTR site Campmaster Plan – The OTR site involves regular maintenance. A Campmaster Plan was developed in 2018 to get individuals involved in this maintenance. Come hear about this plan and the benefits for OTR and you when you join the Campmaster program. Presenter John Wilkenson.

9:30 PM

Welcoming Reception for the OTR Virgins – Special Welcoming Party for OTR Virgins and Their Sponsors. Please join us Thursday evening at 9:30 for a Virgin Reception at The Event Tent located at the far end of Vendor's Row. We promise that there will be no Virgin Sacrifice! We simply want to welcome you to the annual Old Timers Reunion! Meet and greet some of OTR's core staff and resources and get some signatures for your virgin booklet. There is so much to do at OTR and we plan some informational poster displays and quick talks to help guide your way. We will have wine and refreshments available.

Friday, August 30

8:45 AM

Caving Yoga - Nikki Fox (250-hr RYT Hot Yoga) will be leading a beginning Bikram Yoga class Friday morning. "This practice has healed my body from past caving injuries and prevents me from getting future ones". The Bikram method is a 26&2 sequence, 26 postures and 2 breathing exercises — specifically designed to gain flexibility, develop more balance, increase spine strength, and bring healing throughout your entire body from head to toe. Perfect for cavers!! You are never too old, too sick, or too out of shape to benefit from this practice. Nikki is excited to share this transformative yoga with others!



11:00 AM - Bat Art Session 1

2:00 PM - Bat Art Session 2

The Bat Art session conducted by Cheryl Suitor last year was such a smashing hit it is back for two sessions this year. There will be two new pictures to be painted this year. Come improve your painting skills and enjoy some wine while doing it. Cost is \$35. Walk ins will be welcome for either session, up to 30 people per session.

5:00 PM

Cave Hollow/Arborgast Mapping Project – In a cooperative effort with the US Forest Service, a new mapping effort has been underway. Come hear the progress that has been made on this mapping project, and find out how you could become involved. Presenter Dave Socky

6:00 PM

Tham Luang, Thailand Cave Rescue – A new documentary on this cave rescue that got worldwide attention in 2018. This documentary is from the perspective of the Thais, and has English subtitles. It is very well done, and shows some details that were not in the Australian ABC documentary showed last year at OTR.

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Lightening Talks - Come and give your wildest caving stories or project. Bring pictures, other stuff on a thumb drive, or other props for your talk.

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Saturday, August 31

1:00 PM

Cave Finding and Management in the Pryor Mountains, Montana/Wyoming – This will describe a cooperative effort between cavers, the National Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management for finding, mapping, and managing caves in the Pryor Mountains, which straddle the border between Montana and Wyoming. Presenters Dustin Kisner and Penelope Vorster

2:00 PM

What I In Your First Aid Kit – Learn what basic first aid items should be in your caving kit. Presenter Steve Mosburg, MD.

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Update on Huatla Cave Project in Mexico - Presenter Jon Lillestolen

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West Virginia Association for Cave Studies (WVACS) Business Meeting - The Fall (OTR) Meeting of the West Virginia Speleological Survey. Its agenda includes reports of the various survey and cave-inventory work completed in West Virginia over the past year. Anyone with an interest in such work should attend. This meeting be in the Event Tent (across Vendors Row from the Med Tent).

Sunday, September 1

9:30 AM

The Robertson Association (TRA) Business Meeting – All TRA members are welcome to attend.

12:00 PM

Update on the Maxwellton/Sweetwater Cave Exploration/Mapping Project – This will be an update on the new discoveries in Maxwellton Sink Cave system. Work has been going on in both McClungs Cave and Maxwellton in the Sweetwater upstream area. There is a strong possibility of a connection between Maxwellton and McClungs which would result in a 40 mile long cave, to be called the Great Savannah Cave System. So shake off that hangover and come hear the results of recent exploration efforts in this cave. Presenters Nikki Fox and Dave Socky.

1:00 PM

2020 National Convention Planning – As you may know, the 2020 National Speleological Society (NSS) National Convention will be held in Elkins. There have already been numerous people volunteer to help make this convention as successful as the 2000 convention also held here. Please come to hear about the planning progress for the convention, and how you can help by volunteering for the planning and execution of the 2020 convention. - Presenter Rich Geisler