



# Membership Form

## Sandia Grotto

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DUES shall be payable in January on a calendar-year basis, prorated for days remaining in the year for new members. When you pay dues, please remit a membership form. If you don't have one, we will provide one for you at your request. Filling in a form for each renewal allows us to keep your information up to date.

**Please print clearly and check the reason for the form below.** Please mail this form or a copy thereof to the above address or turn in at a monthly meeting. Primary Grotto or Affiliation (if not Sandia) \_\_\_\_\_

Please (X) one:    (    ) Renewal            (    ) New Member            (    ) Change            (    ) Correction

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ NSS #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of additional members at same address:

Other NSS Numbers:

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Annual Membership Dues \_\_\_ \$ 12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership Dues \_\_\_ \$ 3.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Life Membership Dues \_\_\_\_\_ \$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose check/money order payable to Sandia Grotto at the above address.

If attending meeting, cash is accepted. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caving Hazards:** A normal trip requires hiking, crawling, squeezing through constrictions, climbing, skirting pits and canyons, and walking on loose rocks and through slippery mud. Wild caves are totally dark. Cave floors, walls and ceilings sometimes contain loose rock which may fall. Caves contain extensive, complex, confusing, mazelike and sometimes restrictive passages. There is some risk of becoming lost, disoriented, or trapped in a cave. Harmful organisms and animals, including mammals, reptiles, and insects, and toxic gases may be present in caves. Caving involves extreme and abnormal physical and psychological stresses. Cavers can be exposed to extremes of wet and dry conditions. Temperatures in some caves are below 40° F. Cavers could be trapped in a cave due to improper use or mechanical failure of the gate or lock. Cave rescue is difficult, dangerous, and expensive. Cost of the rescue may be borne by the rescued individual. A caving trip will subject an individual to other unknown hazards and risks. This document attempts to list the most commonly encountered hazards and risks. However, it should not be considered an all-inclusive listing!

**Waiver of Liability:** I (we) have been informed of the hazards attendant to hiking to/from and exploring caves, and I (we) agree that the Sandia Grotto, the National Speleological Society (NSS), the Southwestern Region of the NSS, and any members thereof shall be held harmless from any liability whatsoever for mental or physical damages or injury resulting from hiking near, entering and/or exploring caves, and that the aforementioned organizations and any members thereof assume no responsibility, I (we) elect to participate in any of the activities of the Sandia Grotto. I (we) elect to participate in any activities of the Sandia Grotto, freely and without reservation.

Signatures:

Date:

Areas of Interest:

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NOTE: ALL Members should sign this form. If you require a receipt for payment, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.