

**Membership
Form**

**Sandia Grotto
P.O. Box 53183
Albuquerque, NM 87153**

2003

Please PRINT clearly and circle any changes or corrections to be made. Please mail this form of a copy thereof to the above address for all corrections, changes, new members or renewals.

Primary Grotto Affiliation (if not Sandia) _____

Please circle one : Renewal New Member Change Correction

Name:	Home Phone:
Address:	Business Phone:
City:	State, Zip:
NSS#:	E-mail:

Names of additional members (same address)	Work Phone Number	NSS#
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Both membership dues and newsletter \$12.00 _____
 Membership without newsletter (usually family member) \$3.00 _____
 Newsletter only \$9.00 _____
 Please enclose check or money order payable to : Sandia Grotto at the above address **TOTAL** _____

Caving Hazards: A normal trip requires hiking, crawling, squeezing through constrictions, climbing, skirting pits and canyons, 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-- mammals, reptiles, insects and toxic gases may be present in caves. Caving involves extreme and abnormal physical and psychological stresses. Cavers will be exposed to extremes of wet and dry conditions. Temperatures in some caves are below 40F. 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 as an all-inclusive listing!

Waiver of Liability: I (we) have been informed of 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 activities of the Sandia Grotto.

Signatures of Member (and parent if under 21)	Date	Areas of Interest
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NOTE: All members should sign this form, If you require a receipt for your payment, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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