



National Cave Rescue Commission

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National Speleological Society

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National Coordinator Report

- Fielded requests for information and assistance regarding NCRC services, training, certificates, development of rescue teams, concerns, etc.
- Published call for nominations for NCRC positions and served as point of contact.
- Served as registrar and treasurer for 2006 National Seminar
- Assisted with arrangement for 2006 National Seminar
- Responded to requests for information from NSS (reports to AVP, organization activity for NSS charitable fund drive efforts, insurance issues)
- Authorized and tracked expenditures through NCRC account
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Reminders:

- Send your seminar documentation and fee payments to me. I'll distribute them to the appropriate persons. Dave and I prefer this arrangement – it greatly facilitates accounting.
- Make your requests for seminar authorization to paperwork@ncrc.info. This will ensure the information gets to all the people who need it.

2006 National Seminar Overview

- 75 students and approximately 30 instructors and staff participated
- Provided Levels 1, 2, 3 and IQ.
- Provided a recertification test opportunity for instructors
- The Education Committee will review feedback at its next meeting – but my personal impression is that, although the logistics were a bit difficult to pre-arrange, things came together well and the seminar went well. The facility was quite good. Food was pretty good. Weather was very good. Caves were a bit far from the facility, but other fields sites were close and adequate. Transportation arrangements were good from some levels and not good for others. The local hosts worked very hard to ensure our needs were met.

2007 National Seminar

- At the BORC's request Harold and Nancy Chrimes have been investigating potential sites in SW Virginia
- They propose using the Fire Training Academy in Salem Virginia. It features good classrooms (air conditioned I believe), camping on site, enough bathrooms and showers (we may want to supplement with a couple porta-potties), a rappel wall, a large meeting area for our combined activities, a high bay we can use for ropes, a gear storage area, office area, gear washing area. Motels, stores, and other services are available within a few minutes' drive. The Roanoke airport is just minutes away. Numerous caves (with a

wide variety of features) are available within a few minutes' drive. Several catering options are available, and Nancy is working on arrangements to ensure we have great meals at a very reasonable rate.

- The date has not been finalized.
- The budget has not been finalized, but we believe the seminar can be delivered at a cost in line with recent seminars.
- I request approval to proceed with preparations for a seminar in SW VA. I'll be happy to address any questions the BORC may have – just make a list and I'll contact Harold and Nancy.