

## FALL MAR/VAR 2010 – October 1-3, 2010

### Lower Campground at Friars Hole Cave Preserve, Pocahontas County, West Virginia

The D.C. Grotto and Baltimore Grotto invite you to attend the Fall 2010 joint meeting of the Mid-Appalachian Region (MAR) and the Virginia Region (VAR) of the NSS. The event will be held at the Friars Hole Cave Preserve in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, during the weekend of October 1–3, 2010. There will be caving in the Friars Hole Cave System, the largest cave in the Appalachians, with 45.5 miles of mapped passage. The cave preserve is owned by the Mothes family. Robert Mothes runs the farm and controls access to the Snedegars Saltpeter Entrance, North Stream Entrance, Crookshank Pit, and Toothpick Entrance to Friars Hole.

**Camping and Facilities:** *Primitive* camping will be in the mowed hayfield between the North Stream Entrance and the Snedegars Saltpeter Entrance to the Friars Hole Cave System. Well-behaved, leashed pets are allowed, but their owners must care for them and keep them away from any livestock. **Camping is very primitive, so bring all water you may need.** Port-a-pots will be on site, but there will be no shower or washing facilities. There is limited space, so be considerate of your very nearby neighbors. Also, please plan to remove any trash your camp generates. The closest restaurants and grocery stores are in Hillsboro (20–30 minutes), Marlinton (30–40 minutes), and Lewisburg (45–60 minutes), so bring everything you need for the weekend and minimize trips offsite. Fires will not be permitted. Camping will be open from Noon Friday until 3 p.m. Sunday.

**Friday and Saturday Nights:** Beverages (beer, soda, water) and munchies will be provided. No band has been booked, but ideas are still being discussed for a program and party.

**Trips:** There will be led trips.

**Saturday Night Feed:** Dinner on Saturday will be provided by the hosting grottoes. The planned menu is bratwurst sausages or vegetarian option, with salad, baked beans (with bacon and vegetarian), corn, and whole small potatoes. Beer, soda, and water will be available at night near registration. Vegetarian meals must be pre-registered.

**Sunday Morning Meeting:** The VAR business meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Sunday. The MAR ballot box will be at registration.

**Pre-registration Deadline:** You will receive a guidebook only if you pre-register by September 10. Those who register on site will get dinner but no guidebook. Pre-registration will cost \$30 for VAR or MAR; \$35 for combined VAR and MAR, \$23 for children (5–16), and free for children under 5. On-site registration will cost \$5 more.

**Directions:** From I-81, take I-64 West to Exit 169 in West Virginia, Lewisburg exit. Go north on Route 219 for 24 miles (passing through Maxwelton, Frankford, and Renick) up to the top of Droop Mountain and turn left on Lobelia Road. This is a one-and-a-half-lane road with some hairpin turns. Follow it to a “T” at Jacox Road (Jacob on google maps and many GPS units) and turn left. You will pass a church on the right and a graveyard on the left. Turn left into the first gravel driveway (labeled Boggs Run Road on GPS units). Follow the driveway, passing over the cattle guard, to a clearing with a cabin (registration).

Questions or Comments – email to Dusty Gulden – [DustyCaver@aol.com](mailto:DustyCaver@aol.com)

**Registration Form**

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	price	number	total
Pre-Register – ADULT	VAR = \$30 x	_____	= _____
(Includes Guidebook)	MAR = \$30 x	_____	= _____
	MAR/VAR = \$35 x	_____	= _____
Pre-Register – CHILD (under 16) no dues or book	= \$23 x	_____	= _____
Children under 5 are free. on site +\$5			_____

VEGETARIAN MEAL? If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Grotto(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Any other questions, comments, concerns email Dusty Gulden – DustyCaver@aol.com