

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Certificate of Incorporation No. 26672

We, the undersigned, all citizens of the United States, and a majority citizens and residents of the District of Columbia, desiring to associate ourselves as a corporation pursuant to the provisions of Title 5 of Chapter 5 of the Code of the District of Columbia, do hereby certify as follows:

First. The name or title by which this corporation shall be known in law shall be  
THE NATIONAL SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Second. The term for which it is organized shall be Perpetual.

Third. The particular business and objects of said corporation shall be to promote the science and study of speleology throughout the United States of America.

Fourth. The number of its trustees, directors, or managers for the first year of its existence shall be five (5).

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have this ninth day of January, 1941, hereto set our hands and seal

W. J. Stephenson, Alden E. Snell, James A. Fowler, E. Anthony Eno, H. James Cole

Address: 4912 43rd Place, N.W.

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The National Speleological Society is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations to the Society may therefore be deducted from an individual's Federal Income Tax. The Society's Federal I.D. number is 54-6026867.

The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that individual chapters or grottos are not covered by the Society's exemption. They must obtain their own exemption if they desire that status.