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## September 11-13, 2009 Lake Wishon Fresno County

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Hosted by the San Joaquin Valley Grotto of  
the Western Region, National Speleological  
Society



### **Western Regional 2009!**

The San Joaquin Valley Grotto is pleased to host the annual fall gathering of the Western Region! This year, we offer a scenic and fun-filled weekend at Wishon Reservoir in Fresno County. Many cave trips and activities are planned in addition to a professionally-catered dinner on Saturday night. Recreational opportunities include extensive rock climbing, Dinky Creek ridgewalking trips and day trips to the caves at Twin Lakes and the nearby Kings River Geological Area. Fishing and boating opportunities are available at Wishon Reservoir.

### **Camping & Accomodations**

We have reserved sites at Wishon Campground for about 100 people. Parking is limited, so please carpool as much as possible! The scenic location offers basic necessities but no shower facilities. Wishon Campground also serves as a wonderful staging area for day trips. There are bears in the area, so please use the provided bear boxes and DO NOT leave any food in your vehicles. There is a developed campground with RV hookups just down the road for those wishing to purchase added comfort. Visit [www.wishonvillage.com](http://www.wishonvillage.com) for more information.

### **Directions**

From Highway 99, take Highway 168 east to Shaver Lake. Turn right on Dinkey Creek Road for 15 miles. Turn right on McKinley Grove Road for another 15 miles. The campground is below the Wishon Dam. The entry will be flagged. The road to the campground is good the entire way. There is one dip just at the campground that will filter out any long vehicles or RVs.

### **Western Cave Conservancy Dinner**

The Western Cave Conservancy will host their traditional fund-raising dinner on Saturday evening. This optional event helps support the many programs the WCC offers to protect and preserve caves in the western states. The dinner will be produced by professional wilderness chef, Doug Vanderberg. Meat and vegetarian options will be available.

### **Western Region Business Meeting**

The executive board of the Western Region will hold a business meeting on Saturday evening following dinner. Please be sure to bring your issues and ideas for the new officers.

### **Annual Auction**

Don't forget to bring items for the annual Western Region auction. It will be held following the business meeting on Saturday evening.

# Western Regional 2009 Registration

September 11-13, 2009 - Wishon Campground, Fresno County, California

Please type or print legibly - Use one form per person - Detach and mail with registration payment.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ National Speleological Society #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone: \_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone: \_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Mobile/pager: \_(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Grotto affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary or health considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_



Adult registration - Includes camping, guidebook and field trips <sup>1</sup> :	\$20.00	
Youth registration (5-12) - Includes camping and field trips <sup>1</sup> :	\$10.00	
I would like to visit: Kings River Geological Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Dinkey Creek <sup>2</sup> : <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Day-Use Only:</b> No camping, no Sunday events, 9AM to 10PM Saturday Only:	\$12.00	
Western Cave Conservancy Fund-Raising Dinner (under 12, \$10) <sup>3</sup> :	\$20.00	
Western Region Membership (optional):	\$10.00	
Late registration - received after September 1 or on-site:	\$5.00	
Regional 2009 T-shirts - priced per shirt, list quantity and sizes:	\$12.50	
T-shirt size: sm. <input type="checkbox"/> med. <input type="checkbox"/> lg. <input type="checkbox"/> xl. <input type="checkbox"/> xxl. <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b>		

## Special Notes

**ALL participants must be registered attendees of the Regional Weekend. Camping fees from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon are covered in your registration. If you camp at another location outside of Wishon Campground, your camping fees are your own responsibility.**

**Campfires are only allowed in designated fire pits. There is no wood collection at the campground.**

**There are bears in the area. Please do not store food in your vehicles. Bear boxes are available at the campground.**

**Elevation is 6,600 feet, so plan for cool evenings.**

**Parking is at a premium at the campground. Please carpool! If we run out of spaces, we may need to shuttle people to off-site parking locations.**

**Registration will be open at Wishon Campground starting at 7:00 PM on Friday evening.**

**The only meal plan is the optional Saturday dinner. All other food and water necessities are your own responsibility.**

**Please mail this registration form and your check or money order payable to:**

Western Region NSS  
Attn: Regional 2009  
114 Casentini Street, Apt. A  
Salinas, CA 93907-2223

**For additional information, please contact:**  
Roger Mortimer, Event Coordinator  
RMortimer@fresno.ucsf.edu (559) 442-4156

<sup>1</sup> All participants must be registered for the Western Regional. Unregistered persons in the campground will be asked to leave. Children under 5 are free.

<sup>2</sup> This gives us an approximate count for the popular trips in the area. We will either provide trip leaders or extensive directions in the guidebook.

<sup>3</sup> This dinner *always* sells out - please register early if you want a place at the table. \$20 adult, \$10 children under 12. All proceeds go to support the Western Cave Conservancy.