



National Caves Association

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AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Information

Company Name_____

Mailing Address_____

City_____State_____Zip Code_____

Physical Address_____

City_____State_____Zip Code_____

Telephone_____

Website_____

Public Information Email_____

Contact Information

Primary Contact Person Name_____Title_____

Direct Telephone_____Extension_____

Direct Email (Not for Public Disclosure)_____

Accounting Department Contact Information

Primary Contact Person Name_____Title_____

Direct Telephone_____Extension_____

Direct Email (Not for Public Disclosure)_____

Eligibility Criteria

Any Company which is being considered for “Affiliate Membership” must meet the following Eligibility Criteria:

(a) Meet the Association’s definition of an “Affiliate Member” which is: **provide services or products to a Member Cave.**

(b) Be sponsored in writing by a current NCA Member Cave.

(c) Carry adequate general liability insurance.

(d) Make a reasonable effort to have a representative attend the NCA Annual Convention each year, especially when there is a Vendor Show.

(e) “Affiliate Members” have the opportunity to be a Convention Sponsor at various monetary levels each year whether there is a Vendor Show or not.

(f) An “Affiliate Member” does not hold voting rights in Association business meetings.

Affiliate Membership Category

_____ **Affiliate Category:** \$300 annual dues.

I hereby agree to uphold the bylaws of the National Caves Association.

Applicant Signature

Date

Print Name and Title

Application Checklist

Check to indicate that each of the following required components is included with this application:

_____ Completed Membership Application

_____ Copy of sponsorship letter from current NCA member that currently uses your product or services and recommends such to the NCA membership.

_____ Check for the amount of membership dues for the Affiliate Category of membership.

Please send your completed application to: National Caves Association

P.O. Box 625

Cobleskill, NY 12043

Thank you for your interest in the National Caves Association. We are looking forward to having you as a member.

Membership Benefits

NCA Public Website The National Caves Association's public website, cavern.com, showcases all NCA member caves and serves as a go-to resource for travelers seeking information about show caves across the United States. With over 250,000 visitor sessions each year, the site plays a vital role in promoting member attractions to the traveling public.

NCA Monthly Newsletter – Cave Talk *Cave Talk* is the NCA's monthly newsletter, exclusively for members. It covers a wide range of topics relevant to the show cave industry, including business operations, conservation efforts, legislation, and scientific developments.

NCA Annual Convention & Vendors Show Held each fall at different locations across the United States, the NCA Annual Convention is a highlight of the year for many members. The four-day event features informative seminars, panel discussions, guest speakers, and networking opportunities. A key part of the convention is the Vendors Show, where attendees can explore a variety of products and services for their business—from retail merchandise and POS systems to marketing solutions like brochures and billboard advertising.

NCA Resource Center An exclusive benefit available to members of the National Caves Association USA through shared Google Docs. This centralized hub offers a wealth of valuable information tailored specifically for cave owners and managers.

Inside the Resource Center, members will find:

- The NCA Membership Directory
- Committee details and updates
- Annual reports presented at the annual convention
- Current and archived issues of the *Cave Talk* newsletter
- *Cave Talk* Podcasts
- Convention information and resources
- Details on the NCA Insurance Program
- Educational tools and webinar recordings
- A growing library of photographs
- And much more!

The Resource Center is continually updated to ensure members have access to the latest materials and insights to support the success and growth of their cave businesses.

Trade Association Membership The NCA is an active member of the International Show Caves Association (ISCA), and many of our member caves also maintain individual ISCA memberships. We also collaborate with key partners including the National Speleological Society (NSS), Bat Conservation International (BCI), the National Cave and Karst Research Institute (NCKRI), the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA), and the International Gift Exposition in the Smokies (IGES).

