



National Speleological Society

# WESTERN REGIONAL 2011

Great Basin National Park | September 3-5, 2011



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September 3rd through the 5th, 2011

Great Basin National Park, White Pine County, Nevada

Hosted by the Southern Nevada Grotto of the Western Region, National Speleological Society

The Southern Nevada Grotto is pleased to host the annual fall gathering of the Western Region! This year we offer a scenic and fun-filled weekend at Great Basin National Park. A few low impact cave trips and activities are planned. If you have never seen Lehman Caves we would recommend taking one of the guided tours provided by the Park. The Southern Nevada Grotto will not be providing food for any meals but we do highly recommend the Snake Valley Days Saturday Dinner which will be hosted by the Baker Volunteer Fire Department. This will be a great chance for cavers to mingle with locals and experience the full flavor of the area and its people.

## CAMPING

Great Basin National Park has graciously allowed us to use a portion of the Gray Cliffs Group Campground located on Baker Creek Road at an elevation of 7,115 feet (2,160 meters) for our event at no charge to campers. We are limited to 60 campers in this area for environmental impact protection. Parking is limited so please carpool if you plan to stay in this area. The Grey Cliffs Group Campground has vault toilets and no potable water. Water is available at the Baker Creek Campground, the RV Sanitary Station, or the Lehman Caves Visitor Center. A campfire is allowed only in campfire rings that have been provided by the Park. Small RV's can be accommodated in the Grey Cliffs campground, but more room can be found at the other campgrounds mentioned below. Large RV's are not recommended due to space constraints. These sites will be given out on a first come, first served basis as registration forms are received.



For those that are not able to acquire a camping area in Grey Cliffs or have RV's, Great Basin National Park has four developed campgrounds (Upper Lehman Creek, Lower Lehman Creek, Baker Creek, & Wheeler Peak-tents campers only) with vault toilets, picnic tables, tent pads, and campfire grills. There are no hookups or leveled parking sites. Campsites are limited to eight people, three tents, and two vehicles per site. There are three campgrounds that have accessible sites. Camping Fees for these four areas are \$12.00 per night/per site. \$6.00 for Golden Age/Golden Access card holders. These camping areas are on a first-come, first-served basis, no reservations can be made. Campsites may not be "saved" or reserved for family or friends arriving later. These campgrounds often fill on weekends and holidays in the summer months. Designated primitive camp-sites can be found along Snake Creek and Strawberry Creek Roads. There is no fee to use these campsites. Some sites have picnic tables and fire grates. A few Snake Creek sites have pit toilets - most do not.

There is a dump station, potable water, and trash receptacles located 1/2 mile inside the park on the main entrance road (NV Hwy 488). The dump station is usually open late May to October (weather permitting) and closed in the winter. No discounts for Golden Age or Golden Access cardholders. Fee: \$5.

There are no shower facilities in the park. Pay showers are available outside the park at the Whispering Elms Motel, Campground & RV Park (\$5), the Baker Sinclair Gas Station (\$2), and The Border Inn (\$3).

# Great Basin National Park Area Map



# Western Regional 2011 Activities

Additional Cave Trips Scheduled Throughout the Weekend (See Sign-In Area For List)

FRI

## WESTERN REGIONAL 2011 SIGN-IN

Sign-In for the Western Regional will be available on Friday at 1:00pm and will be located in the Gray Cliffs Campground area. Please make sure you pick up your name badge there. Trip sign-up sheets will be available at this location.

SATURDAY

## LEHMAN CAVESTALUS ROOM FIRST TRIP

Tentatively Saturday Morning. The Talus Room has been closed to visitors since 1985 and the old tour trail was removed in 2010. This is a chance for you to see the restoration work that has been completed by Great Basin National Park to bring the Talus Room back to its natural grandeur. Caving Helmet, Head Lamp, & Gloves Required.

## WESTERN REGIONAL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

To be held from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Saturday, outside in the Gray Cliffs Campground area. Shade will be provided but you must bring your own chair.

## VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

Dinner will be from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at Baker Ranch and will cost \$10.00 per person.

## WESTERN REGION'S GRANT FUND ANNUAL AUCTION

To be held at 7:00pm on Saturday, outside in the Gray Cliffs Campground area. You must bring your own chair.

SUNDAY

## LEHMAN CAVESTALUS ROOM SECOND TRIP

Tentatively Sunday Morning. Same trip as listed above on Saturday. Helmets, Head Lamps, & Gloves Required.

## CULTURAL RESOURCES TALK

Tentatively Sunday Morning. Eva Jensen will do a cultural resources talk that looks at rock art in the Grey Cliffs area.

## GEOLOGY WALK & TALK

Kelly Carroll will do a geology walk and talk from 3:00pm to 5:00 pm up Pole Canyon on Sunday.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NEVADA CAVING PRESENTED UNDER THE STARS

To be held at 7:30pm on Sunday, outside in the Gray Cliffs Campground Area, you must bring your own chair.

### Speakers

### Subject

**Gretchen Baker, Ecologist**  
Great Basin National Park

Invertebrates of the Great Basin  
National Park Caves

**Ben Roberts, Chief of Natural Resources**  
Great Basin National Park

Lehman Caves Trail Restoration Project

**Matthew S. Lachniet, Ph.D., Dept. of Geoscience**  
University of Nevada

Nevada Cave Paleoclimatology

**Steve L. Deveny, Chairman of the SNG**  
Fellow of the NSS, Nevada Professional Land Surveyor

OPUS, GIS, & Nevada Cave Surveying

# Great Basin National Park

For More Information Visit The Following Internet Sites:

**Great Basin National Park**

<http://www.great.basin.national-park.com>

**Great Basin National Park Government Site**

<http://www.nps.gov/grba/index.htm>



# Western Regional 2011 Registration Form

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile/pager: \_\_\_\_\_

Grotto affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Registration Fee:** Includes all activities *except* Saturday Night Dinner .....**\$10.00**  
(Kids 5 years old and under free)

**Do You Plan To Attended the Volunteer Fire Department Saturday Night Dinner?**    Yes    No  
(\$10.00 per person at the dinner site, but we need a count of those planning to attend)

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

Southern Nevada Grotto  
Attn: Kristine Deveny  
9032 Black Elk Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada, 89143

**For additional information please contact:**

**Steve L. Deveny, Event Coordinator**  
skdeveny@earthlink.net

All participants must be registered for the Western Regional. Unregistered persons in the Grey Cliffs Campground Area will be asked to leave. Children under 5 are free except for the Volunteer Fire Department Saturday Night Dinner.

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If attendance is over 60 and you did not acquire one of the camping spots in the Grey Cliffs Camping Area it will be your own responsibility for a camping location and any fees associated with that location.

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.

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

Each camper is responsible to know all camping regulations which can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/grba/planyourvisit/camping-regulations.htm>