

# The 2017 Western Regional Meeting

Lava Beds National Monument, October 7-9, 2005

Hosted by the Mother Lode Grotto

The Western Region's annual fall meeting is an outstanding opportunity to interact with fellow cavers from across three states. Participants will enjoy a fun and social weekend with friends, with cave trips to many well-known caves in and near the national monument along with educational presentations and other activities. We hope you can join us!

## Camping Accommodations

We have reserved half of Loop B of Indian Wells Campground, and the Group Campsite.

Loop B Campsites can accommodate tents, pickup campers, small trailers, and motor homes up to 30 feet. Note: not all sites can accommodate motor homes. Sites include a picnic table, fire ring, and cooking grill. Wood fires are permitted unless otherwise posted. Firewood may be available for purchase during the summer (to confirm, call the visitor center at 530-667-8113). Dead and down firewood can be collected in the nearby Modoc National Forest. Restrooms with water, sinks, and flush toilets are available year round in the campground.

The Group Campsite includes, picnic tables, 2 pit toilets, a group fire ring, water spigot, and large cooking grill, and can accommodate a maximum of 40 campers. The group campground is gated, and one vehicle at a time is permitted for loading/unloading. All vehicles must be parked in the A loop overflow parking area, near the comfort station, or at the Visitors Center.

Not Available: Showers, hookups, dump stations and amenities such as gas or propane

- Quiet hours are from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- Maximum 8 persons per site, 2 vehicles, or 3 motorcycles
- Pets are permitted in the campground, but must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet (1.8 m).
- Pets are not permitted in caves, trails or in buildings.

## Meals

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 Mother Lode Grotto will serve breakfast to all attendees on Sunday morning.

## Sessions

Our tentative program includes presentations on the CRF projects at Lava Beds National Monument and a presentation on White Nose Syndrome.

## Activities (other than Caving)

- Geology field trip.
- Star Party.

## Western Region Business Meeting

The executive board of the Western Region will hold a business meeting on Saturday afternoon before dinner. Please be sure to bring your issues and ideas for discussion.

## Western Region Auction

Don't forget to bring something for the annual auction on Saturday evening. Now's a great time to get rid of that old gear in the back of your closet. And bring money for that auction item you've just got to have!

## Directions

From the I-5 corridor, take U.S. 97 north at Weed. This highway offers some stunning views of Mount Shasta. Continue north on U.S. 97 to a right turn on California Hwy. 161, also known as Stateline Road, as shown by large signs. Travel east on CA 161 through the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge to Hill Road. Turn right on Hill road at the Stateline General Store, following monument signs. Travel south on Hill Road 10 miles until you enter Lava Beds National Monument.

From the Klamath Falls area, take Oregon Hwy 39 south approximately 20 miles until it enters the town of Merrill, OR. Approximately one (1) mile south of Merrill, turn right (south) on Malone road. Travel south on Malone road approximately 2 miles until you reach Stateline Road 161. Turn left (east) and then take the immediate right at the Stateline General Store onto Hill Road. Travel south on Hill Road 10 miles until you enter Lava Beds National Monument. You will pass the visitor center for Tulelake National Wildlife Refuge on your way to the monument.

For those traveling east on California Hwy 299 from the Redding or near Lassen National Volcanic Park, turn north at Bieber on Hackamore /Lookout Road to California Hwy 139. Travel north on CA 139 until you reach directional signs that will point you to the monument at a left turn. NOTE: This south entrance into the park is paved, but the road may not be in good condition. Drive slowly and carefully and watch for potholes.

# Registration Form

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<b>Registration Options</b>	<b>Related Fees</b>
Adult *	\$30.00—before 9/23/2017 \$45.00—after 9/23/2017
Child 10-15 years old * (Children under 10 are free)	\$20.00—before 9/23/2017 \$25.00—after 9/23/2017
WCC Saturday Dinner ** Menu: BBQ chicken, corn, beans, green salad, bread, dessert. Vegetarian main dish option available, and beans will be vegetarian as well.)	\$20.00—Adults \$7.00—Children age 4-10 Free—Children under age 4
T-shirt (Short Sleeve, Unisex) Note: Pre-ordering t-shirts ensures availability.	\$12.50 each (S, M, L, XL) \$16.00 each (XXL) \$17.00 each (XXL)
<i>Lava Beds Caves</i> book by Charlie and Jo Larson	\$7.50 each
Western Region Membership—optional (if not already a member).	\$10.00 each \$1.00 per additional family member

\*This fee does not include admission to Lava Beds National Monument. Admission is a \$15.00 per-vehicle charge (Motorcycles are \$10.00) that is good for 7 days. Golden Age and other National Park passes can be applied to the admission fee.

\*\*This dinner always sells out. Please register early if you want a place at the table. All proceeds go to support the Western Cave Conservancy.

<b>Registration Information</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Home Address or e-Mail Address, Phone Number (for Registration confirmation)</b>	<b>Grotto</b>	<b>T-shirt Size S,M,L,XL,XL (List One)</b>	<b>Meal Type M – Meat V - Vegetarian (Circle One)</b>	<b>Fees Due (see Registration Options)</b>
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<b>Total Amount Due: (make check payable to <u>Mother Lode Grotto</u>)</b>					
Mail completed form to: <b>Mother Lode Grotto c/o Eileen Belan</b> <b>1208 Rose Tree Way</b> <b>Sacramento, CA 95831</b>					
We will sleep: <input type="checkbox"/> in our vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> in a tent <input type="checkbox"/> outside, but not in a tent/vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> offsite					

<b>Emergency Contact Information</b>		
<b>Name of contact person NOT attending this Regional event</b>		
<b>Telephone</b>		
Home	Cell	Other

<b>Special Needs</b>
<b>Special Needs? Please list requirements or services here</b>

<b>Official use only</b>		
Registration #	Check #	Date

