



REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- A sturdy helmet with a non-elastic chinstrap equipped with a quick release buckle. Helmet should be UIAA rated. Fire type helmets are made for fires and other types of rescues, and are not acceptable for cave rescues.
- Three independent sources of light each capable of allowing safe exit from a cave. The primary light must be helmet mounted.
- Sturdy boots with lug soles.
- Leather palmed gloves.
- Appropriate rugged clothing for damp, muddy, 50° cave temperature. Layering with polypropylene is advisable.
- A small rugged cave pack suitable for carrying personal supplies underground.
- Small personal first aid kit.
- Watch
- Three garbage bags.
- Personal food and water for eight hours, to be used during the Mock exercise on Sunday. Food will not be provided in cave on Sunday.
- VERTICAL EQUIPMENT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE
- ALL GEAR MUST BE CLEANED PRIOR TO CLASS ACCORDING TO THE U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE PROCEDURES (SEE TRAINING LINK) <http://www.er-ncrc.org>

ORIENTATION TO CAVE RESCUE

Oct 27-29, 2023

BBV Fire Department

142 Union st

Bruceton WV 26525

Registration Opens September 8, 2023

If you have any questions about this course, please contact:

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For information on the Eastern Region of the National Cave Rescue Commission or cave rescue in general please contact the ER-NCRC Regional Coordinator:
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COURSE OVERVIEW

This Orientation to Cave Rescue Course is being presented by the Eastern Region of the National Cave Rescue Commission hosted by the BBV Fire Department. The classes will take place at the Fire Department. The OCR course material is presented for students who typically include cavers, emergency service personnel and rescue management personnel. Continuing Education Credits may be available.

The OCR is an introductory level program which consists of both classroom instruction and field work in all phases of cave rescue. Some of the items covered in this class are the underground environment, extrication techniques, communication systems, medical management, operations, equipment, documentation, and response systems. The course is conducted over a three day period (Friday Night, Saturday, and Sunday). The first evening consists of classroom studies. The second day consists of classroom studies and hands on exercises. The third day consists of a carefully staged mock exercise that allows the students the opportunity to actually participate in many of the functions that a cave rescue mission would utilize.

This course is physically demanding. Participants must be in good physical health and must sign a liability waiver. Persons under 18 years of age must contact the Regional Coordinator prior to registering for the class.

The Friday and Saturday portions of this class are being held at the BBVFD. Students are expected to arrive by 18:30 HRS on Oct 27, 2023 to check in and show that gear is cleaned. Classes will start as soon as all the student's gear is checked. The Saturday and Sunday portion of the class will start at 08:00 HRS. The Sunday portion of the class will be at a specific cave that will not be announced until Sunday morning.

The Registration Fee for this course is \$60.00 which will include all course materials and lunch on Saturday. Please bring anything else that is adequate for your needs.

Saturday lunch will be Cold cuts snacks, fruit and/or salads.

Limited primitive camping is available at the fire department. Nearby campgrounds are Coopers Rock State Forest and Chestnut Ridge Campground. Several hotels/motels are within 15min. for those wishing that type of convenience.

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Registration will be available starting September 8, 2023. You MUST be registered by Oct 13 and have received an email from the registrar.

**For Registration issues contact the Registrar: Janet Smith Cell: 540-810-8045
Mail checks to 100 Stephen Circle,
Bridgewater, Va 22812**

[Email: rocksar02@comcast.net](mailto:rocksar02@comcast.net)

\$60 acceptable payments are
Check/Money order

Information about the Course:

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You MUST be registered by Oct 13. Registrations after this date will only be considered if space is available and will require a \$10 late fee. NOTE: if the minimum class size is not registered by Oct 13, the class will be canceled.