

## 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.
- 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>

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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## ORIENTATION TO CAVE RESCUE

October 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Blacksburg Rescue Squad

1300 Progress St NW

Blacksburg, VA 24060

Registration Opens August 1st



## COURSE OVERVIEW

This Orientation to Cave Rescue Course is being presented by the Eastern Region of the National Cave Rescue Commission hosted by the Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad. The class will take place at the Rescue Squad Station. The Orientation course material is presented for students who typically include cavers, emergency service personnel and rescue management personnel.

The OCR is an introductory level program which consists of instruction of both classroom 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 portion of this class is being held at the Blacksburg Rescue Squad. Students are expected to arrive at 18:30 HRS on 22 October 2021 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. Students will be provided with lunch on Saturday. Please bring anything else that is adequate for your needs.

Saturday lunch will be cold cuts and a snack

Camping options will be available, or we could pair you with a host caver for couch space or a spare room. Please make your selection during registration. There are numerous hotels/motels in the Blacksburg area for those wishing for that type of convenience.

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**Registration will be available starting August 1st. You MUST be registered by Oct. 6th 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

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**Please register by Oct. 6th.**  
**Registration after this date will**  
**require a \$10.00 late fee.**