

Nashville Grotto Members Facebook Group Policy

Posts from members are welcomed on the Nashville Grotto Members Facebook Group but must be monitored to ensure they meet certain criteria. Group Admins may remove posts and/or comments based on the guidelines below:

The purpose of the Nashville Grotto Members Facebook Group (NG FB Group) is to inform members of upcoming events and activities relevant to grotto's mission; give visibility to the efforts and accomplishments by the grotto and its members in furthering the grotto mission; and foster general camaraderie in support of cave and karst exploration, study and protection.

The NG FB Group is now a moderated discussion group dedicated to serving the best interests of the grotto, the NSS and the greater caving community. The NG FB Group Admins reserve the right to delete posts within the Facebook Group that contain:

1. Vulgar language and/or images,
2. Personal attacks,
3. Pictures and/or reports of caving/trespassing in known closed caves (please refer to DCG Closed Cave List, found in "Files" section of FB Group),
4. Comments or content that promotes, fosters or perpetuates discrimination or negative opinions on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, marital status, genetics, status with regard to public assistance, national origin, physical or intellectual disability, or sexual orientation,
5. Spam or links to off-topic sites,
6. Taking screenshots of group activity and sharing to non-members and/or posting to other groups/pages/sites/message boards,
7. Clearly off topic posts or comments, included but not limited to arguments over local, state, or federal politics or politicians, discussions on religious beliefs and their credibility, or sexually explicit content,
8. Advocating or advertising illegal activity and/or misuse of cave and karst resources,
9. Promotion of particular services, products, or political organizations,
10. Infringement on copyrights or trademarks,
11. Another person's private personal data,
12. Cave locations, including GPS coordinates, latitude and longitude, specific directions or indications on maps or photos,
13. Repeated or similar posts,

The Group admins have the right to remove any topic at any time as deemed necessary. If you are unable to abide by this policy, please do not use the Facebook Group.

Posts express the views of the author, and are not necessarily those of the Nashville Grotto or of the NSS.

By posting or commenting on any material, you confirm, represent and warrant that you have the lawful right to distribute and reproduce such material.

(This Policy was adapted from the National Speleological Society Social Media Policy on Comments, version 1 3/24/2020)