

Biology Session Announcements: National Speleological Society 2026 Convention

Call for abstracts:

The Biology Session committee is seeking abstracts for the well-attended Biology Session at the 2026 NSS Convention in Corydon, Indiana. Submit your abstracts to the session chair, Sarah Keenan, at swkeenana@gmail.com no later than March 30th. We welcome submissions of all types related to cave biology. Abstract submissions must include presentation title, full author names specifying the presenting author and their email address, and all author affiliations (Institution, Department, City, State/Region, Country). Abstracts should be no more than 250 words, and include an introduction, methods, key results or findings, and broader implications. Identify whether the presenter is a student and if you would like to be considered for the student presenter award (see below).

2026 Biology Session Student Presenter Scholarship:

The Biology Session committee is pleased to announce availability of the \$350 Student Presenter Scholarship. All current students giving an oral presentation are eligible. To apply, simply add a note to your abstract submission (see above) that you would like to be considered for the award. The session committee will review abstracts based on eligibility and the quality (no AI please), novelty, and impact of research as presented in the abstract. Decisions will be announced April 15th. This is well in advance of the May 16 convention deadline for 100% registration refunds. We ask that students receiving travel support from their institution not apply.



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