

## SPELUNKER BADGE (Council's Own) JR



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**DEFINITION:** *One who explores and studies caves, chiefly as a hobby.*

**REFERENCE:** *Safety-Wise, 2000 Edition, pages 98-99, Caving.*

### *To earn the Spelunker Badge*

Complete at least six of the activities below. The five starred ★ items are mandatory requirements and must be included:

1. ★ Make a First Aid kit to take on your spelunking trip. Research and know how to take care of abrasions, leg cramps, fractures, sprains and hypothermia.
2. ★ Learn how to dress appropriately for spelunking. Make a list of all equipment that will be necessary for the adventure.
3. ★ Establish emergency procedures for spelunking.
4. ★ Review the caving safety requirements as dictated in GSUSA's Safety-Wise publication. Practice spelunking safety.
5. ★ Take a tour of a cave. Share your experiences with others.
6. Locate different caves in your area. Explore the opportunities they offer.
7. Learn about caves. How were they formed? Why are caves different colors? How do caves continue to change? How old are they?
8. Investigate plant and animal life in caves. How do plants and animals affect caves?
9. Find out what kind of career opportunities there are in spelunking. Talk to someone about his or her job in caving.
10. Use the World Wide Web to find more information about caves in America and in your area.

