

## CAVE SCIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE BEGINS WITH EXPLORATION

Mammoth, Carlsbad, Lechuguilla, Wind, Jewel, Timpanogos; Florida springs and Hawaiian lava tubes; and more than 50,000 other caves—explored, studied, and mapped by NSS members.

Data collected by cavers are vital for:

- Federal, state and other cave managers
- Research and advances in science
- Highway, water, power system, and land use planners
- Landowners
- Cave rescue operations