

# Huntsville Grotto Vertical 8 Award Application

The Vertical 8 award is designed to promote better cave owner relationships by reducing the traffic to some of the more popular caves. It is hoped that providing an award such as this will also encourage vertical caving proficiency.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, request of the Executive Board of the Huntsville Grotto that I be granted the Vertical 8 award for completing the following requirements:

- Descending and ascending Alabama pit-caves:
  - All of which were more than 100 feet, single pitch
  - Two of which were more than 200 feet, single pitch
  - One of which was more than 400 feet (on rope) in depth
- Personally rigging at least one of these pit-caves
- Obeying reasonable safety and conservation practices
- Membership in the National Speleological Society

| Date | Cave Name | Companions |
|------|-----------|------------|
| 1    | _____     | _____      |
| 2    | _____     | _____      |
| 3    | _____     | _____      |
| 4    | _____     | _____      |
| 5    | _____     | _____      |
| 6    | _____     | _____      |
| 7    | _____     | _____      |
| 8    | _____     | _____      |

Name of pit I personally rigged: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grotto: \_\_\_\_\_ NSS Number: \_\_\_\_\_



When completed, bring this form to a Grotto board meeting or send it to:

The Huntsville Grotto  
PO Box 1702  
Huntsville, AL 35807

There is no charge for the award. If you want to purchase a Vertical 8 patch, the cost is \$3.00. Huntsville Grotto members receive a patch free with the award.

**Congratulations, and continued safe and enjoyable caving in the future!**