

71st Annual Old Timers Reunion 2021 – Information Update

71st Annual Old Timers Reunion Celebrating Appalachia

It's been a very unusual and unprecedented year and a half that has led up to this point. For the first time in OTR history, our beloved event was cancelled last year. Having said that, we are moving full speed ahead and getting everything ready for what could be the best OTR in recent memory! We're all ready to crawl out from under our protective rocks to spend time together once again during a time of friendship, fellowship, and fun.

This year we will be celebrating our Appalachian Heritage and having some fun with a Hatfield & McCoy theme. There will be fun activities and events surrounding the theme all while paying homage to our heritage. This OTR we will have a Family Dinner on Saturday evening when both "families" come together to break bread and call a truce. We will have not one, but two comedians to provide entertainment in the main pavilion during the Saturday Family Dinner.

This year you can expect more bands and entertainers at OTR than during any previous reunion. Be on the lookout for a very special surprise event on Saturday evening after the Family Dinner. Of course, we will also have the contests and events that you have grown to love from one OTR to the next.

There is so much more planned than the space allows here to describe. Keep a close eye on the OTR website and Facebook pages for updates.

It is with great honor and excitement that I welcome you all back to OTR. We are reunited again in 2021!

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COVID-19 - TRA is following the guidance established by the State of West Virginia, Randolph County Health Department, and the CDC to address the COVID-19 concerns.

- Attendance will be at our own risk regarding exposure to COVID-19.
- Mask wearing and social distancing is strongly recommended but not monitored or required for anyone not fully vaccinated.
- Harassment of others regarding vaccination status, mask wearing, or social distancing will not be tolerated.

Early Arrival/Late Departure Policy: OTR begins on Thursday, September 2nd. We do not receive rights to the campground until noon, when the gates open. Cars that lineup outside of the gate prior to noon create a traffic hazard, so please be considerate of our neighbors and try to arrive after the noon gate opening. OTR closes at noon on Monday September 6th, and the only people on the site before and after OTR are those who have received permission in advance to setup or cleanup.

Music at OTR: We have another excellent line up of musical entertainment with the first time ever Musician at Large, Hillary Klug, who will be with us all weekend playing her fiddle and buck dancing. GRATEFUL GARY will once again play on Thursday night. Friday night, we'll have Hillbilly music with the Hillbilly Gypsies, Saturday night will be



the Rockabilly sounds with the Rock-A-Sonics and Fleabops. During the Sunday afternoon River Party, The Jakob's Ferry Stragglers will be playing Bluegrass on the River Stage.

Contests: Speleo Olympics will again be running Friday through Sunday and will feature your favorite caver contests. The homemade wine judging will be by the Forks of the Cheat Winery.

Doo Dah Parade: The Doo Dah parade has been going on since we moved to our current site, over 31 years ago and every year is well attended, by both participants and spectators. We look forward to what new and exciting spectacle shall unfold before our eyes this year.

Banquet: Saturday evening will be the "Family Supper" in the Pavilion. You may prepay for your meal when you register for \$15 with limited tickets available onsite. The meal includes pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, and mac & cheese. There will be two separate stand-up comedians during the supper for your entertainment.

Introduce your Grotto Virgins to OTR

Bring your Grotto virgins (first time OTR attendees) to the bonfire lighting on Thursday. There they will receive their booklet with special activities to help become acquainted with OTR. If they bring their booklet to the awards ceremony Sunday night, there are prizes.



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Registration: Preregistration is currently in progress, and you can sign up at <https://otr.org/2021-event-info/registration-info/>. Onsite registration opens at noon on Thursday and remains open until 9:00 PM on Saturday. Staff and hours may reduce in the wee hours of the morning Thursday and Friday nights, but will be fully staffed and open each morning at 9:00 AM. Registration is closed from 9:00 PM on Saturday until 9:00 AM on Sunday. (Overnight temporary registration is available at the gate if you arrive later than expected.) OTR registration closes completely to new registrants and guests at 6:00 PM on Sunday. If you plan on arriving after 6:00 PM on Sunday you must make prior confirmed arrangements with our registration coordinators, at registration@otr.org. If your name is not on their list, you are not confirmed. **We cannot permit entry to guests under 18 who are not lawfully in the custody of their adult sponsor. Legal verification will be required.**

| 2021 OTR Registration Fees | | | | |
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| Arrival Day | Adult 18+ | Junior 12-17 | Child 3-11 | Additional Guest fee |
| Pre-registration | \$60 | \$47 | \$37 | +\$20 |
| Thursday | \$60 | \$47 | \$37 | +\$20 |
| Friday | \$58 | \$45 | \$35 | +\$20 |
| Saturday | \$56 | \$43 | \$33 | +\$20 |
| Sunday | \$50 | \$37 | \$30 | +\$20 |
| Infants under 3 years are permitted free entry | | | | |
| * Day starts at midnight | | | | |

Day Passes: Passes are good for the day of purchase from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM. To stick around after 6:00 PM you must go through registration and purchase the regular registration. Without exception, day passes are \$15 and include the non-refundable insurance surcharge, regardless of length of visit.

Guests: Guests are welcome at OTR when invited and sponsored by a TRA regular member. You are responsible for the behavior of your guests. **New for OTR 2021, TRA regular members may sponsor up to 5 guests.** Guests of all ages (except infants) pay the regular registration fee plus a \$20 guest surcharge. Family companions 18 years and older are considered guests unless they are TRA members. Non-adult guests must be children of adult sponsors, or the adult sponsor must provide notarized proof of guardianship. Please choose your guests carefully as this is a caver's event. Please invite only cavers.

Children of TRA Members: Children of TRA members up to the age of 17 are not considered guests and do not pay the guest surcharge.

Photo ID: You must provide photo ID at registration, even if you do not intend to consume any alcoholic beverages on site. The OTR staff is authorized to request and see ID of any individual on-site. You must be 21 or over to consume any alcoholic beverages on-site. OTR staff may ask for validation at any time, even if wearing a wristband.

Payment Methods: We accept credit cards for registration and will accept cash or checks written in US funds and on US banks for onsite registration. OTR charges \$30 on returned checks and reports nonpaying registrants to the authorities.

Drinking Age is 21: The drinking age for alcoholic beverages in West Virginia is 21 years and older. Wristbands will be required for those who wish to consume alcohol. Underage drinking is taken very seriously as it jeopardizes our alcohol license and will result in possible expulsion of both the underage person and their sponsor.

Pets: No pets are permitted at OTR, including the gate area, or chained to/inside vehicles at the gate.

TRA Membership: If you need a TRA membership July 31st is the cutoff date for your paperwork to be received. The cost is \$15, and you can download forms at <https://otr.org/about/membership/>. Please contact Scott Baker, the Membership Secretary (membership@otr.org) if you have any questions.

Sauna Revival Project: The sauna area is being rejuvenated, starting with a new in ground concrete hot tub! The new tub is 24 x 18 ft with over 30 water jets on the sides to provide hot water circulation and soothing massage.

The sauna area is in transition and will feature a mix of the new and old including the dry sauna, the relaxing volcano gazebo, the fire pit, and for the second year the longhouse will be a cooling misting facility.

Charitable Events: Help us give back to the local community this year with both a food drive and educational supplies for schools. If you donate you will receive a chance for free admission to OTR 2022! The drawing for free admission will occur during the Awards Ceremony.

Off-Site Activities Guide: Pick up a copy of the off-site activities guide at registration for information on local attractions and caving in the area.

Awards Ceremony: The awards presentations will be held Sunday night. They will include presentation of the TRA awards, contest awards, election results, and preview of OTR 2022.

Volunteers: OTR only happens because of its volunteers. We can always use help with the many different tasks before, during and after OTR. Some areas requiring help are Registration, Gate check-in, First-aid Staff, Sauna support, Audio/Video, IT, Contests, Daily Clean up, wild side, security, Cooters and BrewCrew. If you would be interested in any of these, see the volunteer section on otr.org for more information and contacts.

Remember OTR is a caver event - Please sponsor only cavers.

This information may be distributed to caving clubs, cave conservancies, and individual cavers only.

Note: The information contained here is subject to change

