



The River City Caver

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**River
City Grotto** –
Jacksonville, FL
An [NSS](#) Affiliated Grotto

November, 2016
www.rivercitygrotto.com/

Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –
NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY January, 18th 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FSS Cavort Workday: On 12/3/16, FSS will be hosting a workday to prepare for the 2017 Florida Cave Cavort.

RCG Kartmas Party: The Annual RCG Karstmas Party will be held at David and Katie Obi's house on 12/16/16 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a dish or snack to share as well as your favorite beverage. David has created an event page for this party on the RCG Facebook page; if you plan to attend, please RSVP and post what dish you plan to bring. This party will be held in lieu of a December meeting.

Catacombs Trip: RCG may take a trip to Catacombs Cave in January or February of 2017. Check with the RCG Facebook page for updates regarding this.

TRIP REPORTS

NCRC Orientation To Cave Rescue Class: RCG members participated in a two day rescue class from 11/11/16-11/13/16. The weekend began with a cookout at Amigo's Dive Center, followed by two days of class. The first day of class, involved learning about caving injuries, dealing with the media, packing/moving patients, and organizing a search party. On the second day, the class participated in a mock search and three mock rescues. The class was very enjoyable and informative. Thanks to Tim White and Michael Hopkins for leading a great class!



Day 1 of NCRC Orientation to Cave Rescue



Day 2 of NCRC Orientation to Cave Rescue Class



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Withlacooche Forest Boy Scout Trip: Phil Walker and Brandon Johnson led troop 433 to Withlacooche Forest, where they went caving through the Dames Cave Complex. The scouts picked up trash in the area and then after a safety brief, Phil and Brandon led the troop through Vandal Cave, Keebler Elf Tree Cave, Sick Bat Cave, and Peace Cave.



Dames Cave Complex

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

GROTTO T-SHIRT

The RCG T-Shirts are for sale; both short sleeve and long sleeve are available. You can purchase one here:

<http://rivercitygrotto.com/product/t-shirt2016/>

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have four new members!

NSS CORNER

New Year's Eve Party: NSS is hosting a New Year's Eve party at their headquarters. The party includes dinner, dancing and music, and camping. The cost is \$50.00 and you need to register by 12/15/16. [\(article\)](#)

Erosional and Glacier Caves: Caves may be eroded in a variety of rocks: granite, sandstone, even ice, by the power of water and wind-borne particles. Or water may simply melt passages through ice. These pages give a hint of the beauty of these caves. [\(article\)](#)

SCCi CORNER

SCCi's First Online Auction: SCCi is having their first online auction and they are hoping to make \$2,500. Their items are either hand-made or extremely unique. You can bid on one of a kind items and more here: www.32auctions.com/scci2016

SCCi Events & Goals for 2017: SCCi has announced their events for 2017. [\(article\)](#)

CAVING IN THE NEWS

To Protect Two Bat Species, Withlacoochee Forest To Close Caves: To protect two species of bat that depend on the forest's caves, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has designated six of them as a Critical Wildlife Area, which brings extra protections.

[\(article\)](#)

Injured caver rescued after he was hit by falling rock:

A man had to be rescued in an eight hour operation after he was hit by a falling rock while climbing. [\(article\)](#)

