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

April, 2023

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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –  
NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: May 4<sup>th</sup>, Pizza Cave

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**White Cliff Cave:** Phil is leading a troop of Boy Scouts through White Cliff Cave on the morning of April 22nd, if you would like to help him lead the trip, contact him.

**Briar Cave:** We are taking a trip to Briar Cave on April 22nd in the afternoon; the meet-up time will be around 1:00. This cave is for experienced cavers only. If you'd like to go, email [board@rivercitygrotto.com](mailto:board@rivercitygrotto.com).

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

**Financial State:** We are solid financially.

### TRIP REPORTS

**Florida Cave Cavort:** Thanks to TBAG for hosting a great 2023 Cave Cavort. RCG had a great time. RCG members were not able to get into Werner Cave as planned, but we had a great time at Big Mouth, Dog Drop, and Holy Oak. Some of us went to Blowing Hole and Crumbling Rock cave. As usual, Saturday night was a lot of fun.



### NSS CORNER

#### Meet the 2023 USA Cave Animal of the Year:

**Ceuthophilus Cave Crickets!:** We've all seen cave crickets when visiting our beloved caves. There are a lot of different cave crickets throughout North America, including at least 33 species in the genus *Ceuthophilus*. They have an oblong, humpbacked body with strong hind legs and very long antennae. They do not have wings and they do not have ears. Instead of hearing sound, they feel vibrations from the hairs on their legs and with their long antennae. You can read more about these cave creatures [here](#).

**2023 NSS Board of Governors Election Update:** The 2023 NSS election is coming soon! Cast your vote and help the society shape the future Board of Governors. The NSS Board of Governors (BoG), consisting of a 12-member Directorate and 5-member Executive Committee, conducts and supervises all business of the Society. The Acts of the Board and other directives, under which the NSS is governed, and the Board operates are maintained in the Board of Governors Manual. You can read about who is running for a spot on the board [here](#).