



The River City Caver

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

September, 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS

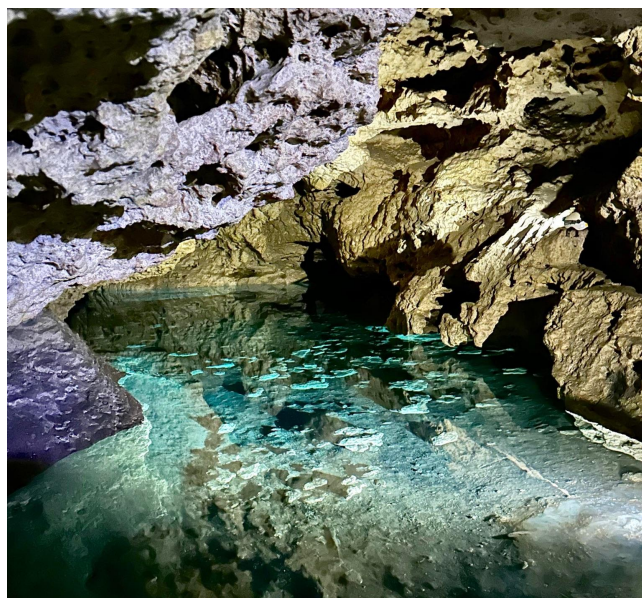
TAG Fall Cave-In: If you haven't already signed up, you can register for the 2023 Cave-in [HERE](#). The cave-in is October 5th-8th and it will be the last year at the Lookout Mountain location. You can find all the info you need for the cave-in, such as this year's t-shirt design and the cave-in schedule right [here](#). There are plenty of cavers from all the Florida Grottos going, so get in touch to see what everyone is going to be up to.

October Meeting: Due to TAG, our next social meet-up/cavort planning meeting will be the second Thursday in October. The location is TBD.

2024 Cavort: The location and dates for the 2024 cavort are set; the cavort will be March 15th-17th at Jerry's Farm so mark your calendars! Our first cavort workday will be in November, either the 11th or 18th; information regarding the precise date will be given as we get closer to the date.

CAVING!

Ocala Caverns: A group of RCG members made a trip to Ocala Caverns on August 26th. The water levels were lower than usual, but we were not able to visit the New Section or the New New Section. We still had a great time cooling off from the summer heat and visiting with each other. We even saw a bat!



WHAT ELSE HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

Mike and Connie hosted a cookout/pool party in conjunction with our cavort planning meeting at their home last Friday. We had some great food and it was a great opportunity to hang out and chat with everyone.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial State: We are solid financially.

MEMBER SECTION

Membership Dues: It's time to pay membership dues; membership dues are \$15.00 (plus \$5.00 for each additional family member). Not only does this support the lavish lifestyle of the club officers, but it ensures there will be portalets at the next Cavort, pay up or bring a shovel. You can pay online here:

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/RiverCityGrotto>.



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CAVING IN THE NEWS

Roman Swords Discovered in Dead Sea Cave 1,900 Years after Jewish Rebellion: Israeli archeologists announced Wednesday the discovery of four extremely rare and well-preserved Roman swords in a small hidden cave in an area of isolated cliffs overlooking the Dead Sea. The archaeologists initially visited the cave to inspect a stalactite with an ancient fragmentary ink inscription in Hebrew from the time of the First Temple. During the trip, one of the archaeologists noticed a well-preserved pilum and nearby were pieces of worked wood that turned out to be the swords' scabbards. You can read more about this discovery [here](#).

SCCi CORNER

SCCi Plans To Purchase Sinkhole Cave in Marion County, TN: In 1975, a group of Chattanooga cavers discovered a sinkhole in Marion County, TN. Cavers continued to enjoy the pit for about 20 years, but it was eventually closed to cavers in 1994; the cave is now up for sale and the SCCi hopes to purchase it and reopen to responsible recreation and continued preservation. You can read more [here](#) and if you want to donate to the purchase, you can go [here](#).