



# The River City Caver

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

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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –  
NEXT MEETING: February 1st, Location is TBD

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Cavort Workday #3:** We will have our third cavort work day to prepare for the cavort sometime in February or March. More details will be announced on our Facebook page once we determine an exact date.

**2024 Cavort-Pirates of the Karstibbean:** Avast ye mateys, we are getting closer to the date of the cavort, which is March 15th-17th at Jerry's Farm. We have lots of funtivities planned, so be sure to purchase tickets to the cavort, along with meal tickets, and a cavort shirt [here](#).

## PAST EVENTS

**Cavort Workday #1:** We made a lot of progress on our first workday back in November. A big thanks to everyone that came out to help, especially the FSS members! Much of the day was spent cleaning up the property.



**2023 Karstmas Party:** Mike and Connie did a great job hosting the Karstmas party in December. It was great to celebrate the holidays together while partaking in deciduous food and drink.

**January Meeting:** For our January meeting, we met at Grace Note Brewing. We chatted about caving, each of our holidays, and continued to make progress in cavort planning.



## 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>.

## CAVING IN THE NEWS

**Prehistoric Cave Art Handprints With Missing Fingertips Point to Ritual Amputation:** Based on hand images with missing fingertips, researchers suspect that prehistoric people cut off their fingers for religious rituals. You can read more about their research [here](#).