



The
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Newsletter of the *River City
Grotto* – Jacksonville, FL
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March, 2024

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2024 Cavort-Pirates of the Karstibbean: Avast ye mateys, the cavort is less than a week away. You can still sign up for the cavort [here](#), but buying admission on site will also be an option. We've got some great raffle prizes, a great band, and great food planned for this event. Can't wait to see everyone there!



Bat Cave Trip: RCG is leading a troop of boy scouts through Bat Cave on March 30th. If you are interested in helping with this trip and exploring Bat Cave, please email board@rivrcitygrotto.com.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial State: We are solid financially.

MEMBER SECTION

If you're interested in joining RCG, you can find out more information on membership and sign-up [here](#).

PAST TRIPS AND EVENTS

Cavort Workday #3: RCG met up again for the final workday on February 17th. We cleaned the site up and made some final plumbing and electrical touches. Thanks again to FSS for their help!





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CAVING IN THE NEWS

Food Court in Gombak Cave Stirs Up Concerns:

Located in National Gombak-Hulu Langat Geopark in the famous Batu Caves limestone hills is the Gua Lepak food court. The food court opened in March of last year and created a buzz on social media. Operating from inside a 400-million-year-old cave, the food court has drawn curious patrons wanting to experience its unique dining ambience. However, there are concerns of public safety, legal compliance, as well as the vandalism of a cave in a recognized national geopark. You can read more about these concerns [here](#).

NSS CORNER

Voices from the Void: An Oral History of Caving in

Alaska (Part 1): For decades, NSS members have been drawn to the adventure and challenge of discovering new caves. You can read about the history of cave exploration in Southeast Alaska [here](#). This story was made with quotes by Kevin Allred, Mark Fritzke and Jim Baichtal, replies to prompts from current explorers, and archived articles from The Alaska Caver and NSS Bulletins.