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Newsletter of the **River City  
Grotto** – Jacksonville, FL  
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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events – NEXT MEETING: December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Party @ Obis'!

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## UPCOMING TRIPS

**Cavort Cleanup at Jerry's Farm:** In preparation for the 2015 Cave Cavort, we are heading down November 22<sup>nd</sup> to go tidy up and recon. Jerry will be providing some BBQ, and we'll bring some sides. This will mostly be a site survey and recon, figuring out power, water, campsites, showers, band stand, bonfire location and fuel, and anything else Jerry needs. Head count seems to be about a dozen for now, [but come on down](#), meet there at 10am.

**Hollow Ridge:** Donations have been made to the tune of \$3,733.33, and the gating commences December 5th. FRG may be staffing that one up, but it's out there.

**White Cliff:** There's a trip going December 6<sup>th</sup>. The FSS is heading this one up.

**Bat Cave Scout Trip:** Set for January 17<sup>th</sup>, David Obi, Matt, and Phil are in. More are welcome!

**Next Cavort Site Workday:** January, to be scheduled. Will be more of a work day/weekend.

## 2015 CAVE CAVORT

**Cavort Site** – Jerry's Farm, [February 27 through March 1](#)  
AND WE HAVE BOOKED The Band!!!

### [The Firewater Tent Revival](#)

**Cavort Web Site** – Is up and very operational. There are some details awaiting finalization, but [registration is live!!](#)

<http://www.cavort.rivercitygrotto.com/>

Check it out, sign on up, tell your friends!

**Next!** We need some positions filled (well, if you read the last Cavort meeting notes, some folks got volunteered!)

- Sponsors and freebies
- Site Prep Organization
- Organize Cave Access
- Cave guides: we'll need them!
- Guidebook Preparation

There is a Cavort/Board meeting December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Obis' residence, so feel free to come on by and lend a hand.

## TRIP REPORTS

### 37th Annual TAG Fall Cave-In – October 9-12, 2014

It was a BLAST!!! We detailed it last newsletter, but it's worth repeating! If you have never been, GO! See all the pix at our [TAG Gallery](#).



Figure 1 - Formations in War Eagle Cave

### FCC trip to Withlacoochee SF – November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Saturday the newly-minted [Florida Caving Club](#) took their inaugural caving trip to some cute little caves in the Withlacoochee State Forest. Intending to clean up some party/sacrificial caves, we found that a BSA troop beat us to the punch, so we fun caved for a few hours. Thanks to the Karst Conservancy for leading us into Dames Cave, Peace Cave, Holey Oak Cave. [Pictures are online](#).



Figure 2 - The Gang in Holey Oak Cave



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Figure 3 - Checking out the main opening of Dames Cave

**FSS Cleanup Tuck's and Lundy's – November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014** On November 16, 2014, the Florida Speleological Society went to Tuck's and Lundy's for some service, cleanup, caving, and a little recon for the 2015 Cave Cavort (thanks!).



Figure 4 - Gone a little too deep in Lundy's



Figure 5 - Ciphering up some repairs on the Cave Elevator

Phil submitted a nice [historical piece and trip report](#) for Tuck's and Lundy's on the FSS website.

## CAVE SITE SAFETY PLAN

We have drafted a template, a document to list cave access, issues and quirks, communication issues at the site, and access to emergency care. Look to start seeing these available for caving trips.

## CAVING IN THE NEWS

Ancient [Cave Art in Spain](#)

Graham Cave State Park [now 50 years old](#)

See a [timelapse of a glacier](#) cave melting

Visit Isla Gigantes' famous [Pawikan Cave](#), Philippines

A good commercial trip report, [Hang En Cave](#), Vietnam

Have anything to submit? [Send it on!!](#)

