



The River City Caver

Newsletter of the *River City
Grotto* – Jacksonville, FL
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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –
NEXT MEETING: **WEDNESDAY** August, 17th 2016, at our Richard Street Branch.

UPCOMING TRIPS

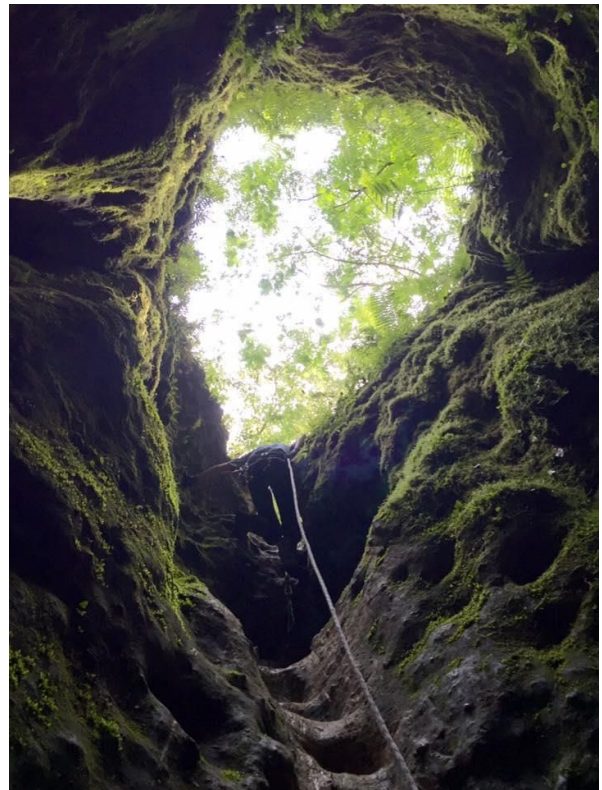
We do not currently have any trips set up, but we are discussing setting up trips to various caves such as Catacombs and Climax. Check your email and the RCG Facebook page for updates regarding trips.

TRIP REPORTS

Climbing Practice: RCG had climbing practice at David's house on 6/25/16. RCG members practiced vertical climbing as well as change overs. Climbing was followed by a pool party.

Warrens Trip: Joe Fretwell, Venkata Darmaju, Daniel Forsyth and Drew Dalton went to Warren's Cave on 7/16/16.

Jenning's Cave: Mike Thomas, Joe Fretwell, Venkata Darmaju, Carrie Brown, Phil Walker, Bill Chesley, and Steven Tennyson went to Jennings Cave on 6/18/16.



Jenning's Cave



Warren's Cave



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Jenning's Cave

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are solid financially.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Annual membership payments are due. To pay your dues, please go to <http://rivercitygrotto.com/shop/>. We have no new members.

GROTTO T-SHIRT

We have a t-shirt design. Long-sleeve and short sleeve shirts will be available. They will be tech-style and will be hunter green; the RCG bat logo will be on the front and the RCG logo will be on the back.



NEW WEBSITE

Thanks to Katie Obi, we have a new website! Check it out at <http://rivercitygrotto.com>.

TARGETING NCRC ORIENTATION TO CAVE RESCUE CLASS

The cave rescue class will take place November 11th-November 13th at Bat Cave in Newberry, FL.

OVER THE EDGE

This event will take place at the Omni Hotel in downtown Jacksonville on November 19th. It will be 190' repel for charity. We need RCG members to volunteer to help with vertical support.

SCCi CORNER

SCCi Announces Bats, Beer, & Bluegrass Anniversary

Party: The Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. is planning its 25th Anniversary celebration and fundraiser titled Bats, Beer, & Bluegrass. It will take place at Fricks cave Preserve on September 24th 2016.

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Basic Techniques Information: There are several techniques and tips you should know about. ([article](#))

NSS Luminary Talks: The National Speleological Society is pleased to present video presentations of its long-awaited "Luminary Series" — featuring pioneering cave explorers, karst scientists, and other long-time NSS members. ([article](#))

CAVING IN THE NEWS

New cave discovered in Oman: An Omani team of geologists has discovered a new cave in Al Jibool village of Jabal Al Akhdar last week. ([article](#))

Crews Rescue 2 People from St. Paul Cave: Rescue crews helped two people who got stranded in a St. Paul cave. Thursday morning after the cellphone they were using as a flashlight ran out of battery. ([article](#))