



The  
**River City  
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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: **WEDNESDAY** March 20<sup>th</sup> 2019, at R.E.I. in the St. John's Town Center

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**2019 Florida Cavort:** RCG is hosting the 2019 Florida Cave Cavort this weekend at Jerry's farm! The Firewater Tent Revival is the Saturday night band. Online registration is closed, but, you can register onsite starting at 12:00 p.m. on February 22nd.

### EVENT REPORTS

**Cavort Workday Three:** RCG had the third work day for the cavort on February 9th. Thanks to FSS, who also helped out. We cleaned up the field, built the bonfires, and cleaned up the bathrooms.



### NSS CORNER

**NSS YouTube:** NSS has a YouTube channel. Their channel include various caving videos, webinars, and video salons. You can visit their channel [here](#).

### CAVING IN THE NEWS

**Scratches Made by Ancient Witches Discovered in UK Cave:** Visitors to Creswell Cave in the United Kingdom have long assumed that markings in the cave were due to graffiti, but subterranean explorers Hayley Clark and Ed Waters discovered the marking were due to ancient witches' markings designed to ward off evil spirits known from other sites. ([article](#))

**Mountaineers Discover Rare Dripstone Cave in Southeastern Turkey's Hakkari:** A group of mountaineers have discovered a naturally-occurring rare dripstone cave in southeastern Turkey's Hakkari province while trekking. ([article](#))

### SCCi CORNER

**SCCi Receives 2300 Acre Land Donation in North Georgia:** The Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. recently received a donation of more than 2,300 acres in Northwest Georgia. The property includes more than 30 known caves and will be named the Charles B. Henson Preserve at Johnsons Crook, honoring the memory of Chuck Henson, a long-time caver and benefactor to SCCi.