



The  
**River City  
Caver**

Newsletter of the *River City  
Grotto* – Jacksonville, FL  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Warren's Cave:** We are planning a trip to Warren's Cave on August 24th. This is a vertical cave, so you'll want to have some vertical experience to join this trip. If you plan to come, please email [board@rivercitygrotto.com](mailto:board@rivercitygrotto.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

**Jennings Cave:** RCG visited Jennings' Cave in May and had a great time; a couple of people got to experience their first vertical cave!



**Climbing Practice:** RCG hosted a climbing practice on June 9th and helped several new cavers get acclimated to using their vertical gear.

**TAG Caving:** Scott Thompson, Striker Thompson, and Scott Wilder recently did some TAG caving; they visited Lost Canyon, Sitton's Cave, and Case Cave.





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### **CAVING IN THE NEWS**

**Cave Discovered on Moon Could be Home for Humans:** Scientists have discovered a cave on the Moon. It's at least 100m deep and could be an ideal place for humans to build a permanent base. Helen Sharman, a British astronaut, told BBC News that the newly-discovered cave looked like a good place for a base, and suggested humans could potentially be living in lunar pits in 20-30 years. But, due to the depth of the cave, astronauts might need to rappel in and use "jet packs or a lift" to get out. While the cave could serve as a living space for humans, scientists also state it could help answer fundamental questions about the history of the Moon and our solar system. ([article](#))

### **NSS CORNER**

**Congratulations to the 2024 NSS Directors:** The new NSS directors were elected for the 2024-2026 term. They are: Mike Backe, Zach Englebert, Dennis Melko, and Anna Pearce. ([article](#))