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Newsletter of the *River City
Grotto* – Jacksonville, FL
An [NSS](#) Affiliated Grotto

June, 2025

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Updates from the latest Grotto Meeting and Events –
NEXT Meeting: July 3rd, King Marker Brewing

UPCOMING EVENTS

Climbing Practice: We will have climbing practice this coming Saturday, June, 21st at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at Seminole Park; the address is 4170 McGirts Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

Bryer Cave Trip: We are trying to get a Bryer Cave trip together for either 7/19 or 7/20. This is a somewhat advanced cave, so you need to have some caving experience to join it. Once the date is set, an update will be provided via email and the RCG Facebook page.

Bat Cave: We are planning a trip to Bat Cave for 8/30; once we get official permission, details will be provided.

PAST TRIPS AND EVENTS

Warren's Cave: Scott and Phil visited Warren's Cave with several other Florida cavers. They had a great time and reported they all worked to create a bigger and more accessible passage to the Virgin Room.



MEMBER SECTION

Membership Dues: 2025 dues must be paid by the end of July. It may seem like dues were just paid, but due to the cavort last year, we got behind and were late with getting dues for 2024. The dues we are currently asking for are for 2025. Please go [here](#) to pay your dues; dues are \$15.00 for one membership and \$5.00 for each additional family member.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial State: We are solid financially.

NSS CORNER

Meet the Cave Shrimp: 2025 USA Cave Animal of the Year: Many cave shrimp species are small, eyeless scavengers living in rivers and pools in cave systems or deeper groundwater aquifers of various states in the southeastern US, while others are known from anchialine pools of Hawaii. The diet of a typical cave shrimp consists of microorganisms, plant detritus and other invertebrates. These organisms are typically highly susceptible to environmental change and water quality. Five species are listed as threatened and endangered currently under the US Endangered Species Act. You can read about cave shrimp in more detail [here](#).