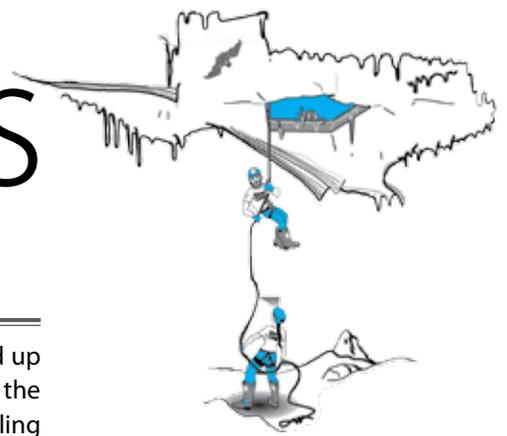


BEXARfacts

April 2012

GROTTO TRIP TO POWELL'S

The April Bexar Grotto trip to Powell's Cave was great fun. Seven grotto members ended up going, and we entered Powell's about 10:45 am. We traversed all the way to the back of the cave to the Mud Puppy room, which after the canyon, required hundreds of yards of crawling on our hands and knees and some open edge cliff walking, but the worst part - going through a thick wall of gnats who wanted to fly into any opening they could find on our heads! All photos by Bennett Lee.



Bennett Lee built this phone 20 years ago in the Mud Puppy room with the scouts. There was also a slice of thin crust pizza with pepperoni and mushrooms, several bottles of coke, a bottle opener, bowl and spoon, and a baseball. The detail was incredible and it was exactly as Bennett remembered it.



Ethan Lee adds to his father's legacy.



Men-ahhhh je trois!



Cave Beefcake left vs Texas Cheesecake above! The trip consisted of (R-L): Tom F, Wade, Bennett, Ethan, Jill, Daniel, and Tom R. Much thanks to Terry Holsinger for providing surface support as well as history and information about Powell's cave and the area.



We were surprised to find some beautifully pristine decorations in the back of the canyon.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Date	Event	Contact
Apr 13-15	Colorado Bend	Jim Kennedy jkennedy@batcon.org
May 5	Longhorn Caverns	texasclimbers@yahoo.com
May 6-6	Government Canyon	mlmiller@gvtc.com
May 11-13	Colorado Bend	jkennedy@batcon.org

SURVEY TRIPS

Date	Cave	Contact
Apr 28*	Logans (7 pm)	Ellie Watson Camping Apr 27

EVENTS

Date	Event	Contact
May 5-6	Bamburger Cookout	Bob Cowell bcow911@satx.rr.com
Jun 25-29	NSS Convention	Geary Schindel

GROTTO TRIPS**

Date	Location	Details (Contact - Jill Orr)
May 19	Roan's Pit	day trip
Jun 22-25	Arkansas	Buffalo River National Forrest

*Date correction

**All trips are subject to change or cancellation. More details will be announced at Grotto meetings. Questions contact jillorr@swbell.net

AMCS Activities Newsletter

A reminder that the deadline for the next AMCS Activities Newsletter is April 15. Material can be accepted for a few days after that, but that might give the editor less time to check back with the author for clarifications or additional information. Send articles or news notes to editor@amcs-pubs.org.



Cutest caver on the trip.



Solid ball of beetles that looked just like ants. We watched it shrink for about 10 minutes as the beetles detached and marched away on their beetle super highways that went on for several yards further down the passage before finally disappearing.