



Aggie Speleological Society

February 9, 2023

Agenda

- Announcements
 - Whirlpool
 - Dexter and the Moonrocks
 - Jenna's Vertical Training
 - ASS Volleyball
 - Cave Dig
 - Honey Creek
 - Spring Break
 - BCI
 - TAG
 - Elections
 - NRO
 - NSS Convention

And Our Lovely Speaker:

Jim "Crash" Kennedy

Whirlpool this past Saturday!



Dexter & the Moonrocks

- Saturday, February 11, 2023
- Show starts at 7pm
- Last Concert Cafe
- We will be meeting at 3:45 at the Walmart off Texas
 - Carpooling
- Come see the *OFFICIAL* band of ASS
- Western Space Grunge



Vertical Training - Jenna

- Reg. Vert
 - 2/10 1pm-2pm
 - 2/13 5:30 pm-7pm
 - 2/17 11am-12pm
- Advanced Vert
 - 2/10 2pm-3pm & 3pm-4pm
 - 2/17 12:30pm-2pm
- Vertical Rope Workout
 - 2/11 10am-10:45am
 - 2/17 10am-10:45am
- Sign-up links are pinned in the GroupMe or on the emails!
- Hannah W. right hand man i.e. trainer in training:)



Luke's Vertical Training

- It's literally just on wednesday at 5:30
- Signups will be posted in GroupMe

ASS Volleyball - Aggie Caving Club

- Coach: Mason Ammon
 - We love him
- 9:10pm on Mondays
- Practices Monday...? - TBD
- TAMU Intramural sports
- Join the team or come support:)
- Mason, Emma, Bianca, Kyle, Caleb, Jakob, Alex, Jenna, John,



Cave Dig

- February 17-19
- Leave Friday afternoon, camp 2 nights, return Sunday afternoon.
- On a private ranch near Kyle, TX.
- Max of 8 people
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AggieGrotto/>
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Honey Creek Cave

- March 3-5
- 6 spots for Aggies
- Project Caving
 - Goal is to survey and add more passage to the existing map
 - No survey experience needed
- Wet Cave
- Camping Friday & Saturday Night
- San Antonio, Texas
- Do need caving experience and to be comfortable in the water environment
 - Not a *beginner* cave
- Trip Report Required!
 - Bill Steele will ask me for them.





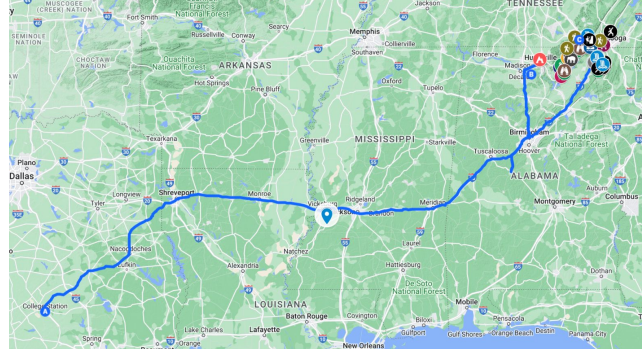
Spring Break- BCI

- In North Texas working with BCI on rigging antennas to ceilings and walls of caves to assist with bat “mapping”
- Perhaps survey opportunities as well
- Recreational trips available
- Private Cabin, possibly our gas paid for
- Help the Bats and Cave for fun!
- Resume builder, if I’ve ever heard of one
- Rigging knowledge *required*; Survey knowledge encouraged
- Roster
 - Jenna Crabtree- Trip Leader/Bat Enthusiast
 - Cave Mommy
 - Josie Shaw- Aggie Grotto/2nd in command
 - Jakob Schnur- Pecos Valley Grotto/CAVE Park Ranger
 - Cave Daddy
 - Hannah Walker- Aggie Grotto/3rd in command
 - Future Cave Mommy
 - Alex LeGresley- Aggie Grotto/really good at tall things



Spring Break - TAG

- March 10th (Friday) – March 16th (Thursday)
 - Leave in the evening and camp at Louisiana/Mississippi border for FREE (it is first come first serve campsites)
 - Leave March 16th and drive all the way back
- 4-5 days of caving
- 16 people, 2 groups of 8 (stuck with them for the entire trip)
- Treasure trove of vertical caves, so people who are vertically checked off will have priority
 - The horizontal caves we go to will usually be a rest day between vertical caves
- Camping the whole week



Officer Elections - May 4

- New Officers get voted in!
- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Quartermaster
- Safety Officer
- Webmaster
- Social Media Officer



We would love to see new faces on the officer team! Let us know if you have any questions on roles or responsibilities!

TSA Spring Convention

- May 19-21
- At Cave Without A Name
- Boerne, Texas
- “This is a technical meeting with presentations from cavers about project status, techniques, and many other subjects.”
- Jenna, Izzy and Jakob will be going:) Let’s carpool!



NRO 2023 - New York

- Pattersonville, New York
 - Indian Mountain Country Club
 - Tent camping available
- June 9-11
- Planned by the Northeast's cave rescue team
- Gauntlet ropes course, zipline across a lake, training by Caving Academy at private bolted cliffs (UwU), rope races/crazy caver competitions, NCC auction, cave trips, squeeze-box, HOT TUBS, Dance Parties, DJ, story telling competition, caving presentations
- It's literally only 25 hours away nbd!



NSS Convention

- Elkins, West Virginia
- June 26-30
- Member Early Registration
 - \$200
 - If you're a first year member there is a discount!
- Last day to register early is May 5th (save money :))
- Jenna will be going! Let's carpool!
- Workshops, presentations, salons, competitions, big name cavers (BNC), caving opportunities, networking, vendors
- Howdy Party!
 - Usually held somewhere cool that you get to attend for free!
 - Last year was at Mount Rushmore Adventure Park and Chelsea, Jenna, & Luke got a bunch of free beer!
- Caving in West Virginia!!!!



Student Support for Convention

(from the Convention Manual)

1. A starter fund was created from the Convention Surplus Fund. Attendee donations will be rolled into the Student Support Fund to maintain the balance for future use.
2. When registering, attendees are asked if they would like to make a donation to support students coming to a convention.
3. Support is limited to NSS members that are full-time students aged 18 through 25.
4. Students must provide a copy of their current student ID & driver's license.
5. A request form for support must be filled out and submitted.

Name, address, email address, phone number, age, NSS number, and why they are requesting the support.

(The request form will be routed to the Education Grants Committee. When the number of qualified requests is totaled the EGC will contact the host group, who will create a discount code in the registration system The EGC will contact the students and provide the coupon code and the amount of the discount.)

6. Requests must be received by 3 weeks before the pre-registration discount ends.
(This allows them to register at the discounted rate.)
7. Support will be up to 1/2 of the basic registration, based on funds collected the previous year divided by the number of requests.
8. Approved students will be given a coupon code to put into the registration form.
9. This is completely independent of the first-time attendee discount.



Jim “Crash” Kennedy

Thanks for Coming!

Don't forget to ask us anything about...

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- Life advice
- How to get placed on a watchlist
- The meaning of life

And join Jim and our team at “The (Dixie) Chicken” at 10PM!

