Aggie Speleological Society

March 28, 2024

Guest Speaker

Michael Moffitt

Who is Michael Moffitt?

- Prominent Caver in New Mexico
- Pecos Valley Grotto
- Volunteers within CAVE, BLM, Forest Service
 - Lechuguilla!!
- Expedition Caving Lebanon!!
- Successfully Married!
 - Cavers can actually do this!!!!!



Announcements

"Can you please tell whichever Aggie is eating a cricket in every cave they go to that I think that they're too dumb to breathe and if [they] want to be allowed in any TCMA or city of Austin cave ever again to stop eating the animals that feed the threatened species which are the reason the caves are protected in the first place?"

-Ethan Perrine



No More Eating Cave Crickets!

In Conclusion





Cave Crickets are **friends**, **not food**.





April 5

Park in the Dark: Outreach @ Lick Creek Park

April 6

Dexter & the Moonrocks Houston, Texas

April 7-8

Grant Critchfield Dig & Eclipse Extravaganza

Stay Late after the Meeting!

Park in the Dark

~500 members of the public will be present to attend night hikes, visit educational booths (that's us) camp, attend Bat Walks ect.

- Run a table on **cave** and **bat conservation**!
- Attend a Bat Walk
- Members who have completed their BCI training -Check the groupme for info on *participating* in Bat Walk



I'm cool and interested in going so I'll join groupme

AGGIE

SPELEOLOGICAL

SOLETY

Dexter and the Moonrocks Houston Tickets





April 12-14

Robert Pfluger's Survey and Cave Exploration Weekend



April 13

Invasive Plant Pull @ Lick Creek Park





Powell's Sign Up







International Bat Day

April 18

Deadline to declare interest in running for an officer position in elections **5pm**



April 18

"Crash" Kennedy presents on Bat Gates in honor of International Bat Day (last meeting)

Can I run for an officer position?

Article IV. Officers

Section I. Requirements

The officers of this organization must meet the following requirements:

- a. The officer must have held membership in the Aggie Grotto for a minimum of three months prior to running for an officer position.
- b. The officer must be a dues-paying member of the Grotto.
- c. The officer must be in good standing with the Grotto.
- d. The officer must be vertically checked off through the Grotto.
- e. The officer must be able to commit a minimum of four hours per week to the Grotto during the duration of their term.
- f. The officer cannot have been recommended to the Safety or Violations Committee within three months of them running for office.
- g. The officer must be a member of both the National Speleological Society and the Texas Cave Management Association.
- h. The officer must have been a member of a committee for a minimum of three months prior to running for an office position.







April 19

Park in the Dark (bio blitz data collection) @ Lick Creek Park

April 20-21

Cascade Caverns dig Bio Blitz (4/20) April 21 MUSTER







April 25

ASS Elections (officers do not rise to power until after ASS Blowout)

April 26-28

Cave Mentor Weekend at D&P

May 7

ASS Blowout Gods and Goddesses: The Fall of Rome (new officers rise to power)

Moment of Silence for the bats of Colorado

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0iAzMRKFX3c

Grant Critchfield Eclipse Weekend

- Sunday 10 am leave
- Arrive by 12 pm at the property
- 12 pm-2 pm meet with Mr.Critchfield, set up camp, look around property
- 2 pm-2 am digging
- Monday 11 am wake up
- 1pm all cars are packed
- 1:27 pm eclipse starts
- 2:30pm leave property
- 4ish pm arrive at Walmart



