

BEXARfacts

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Welcome to the restored Bexar Facts Newsletter. The following information was taken from our Bexar Grotto website.

UPCOMING CAVING TRIPS

Date	Cave	Contact
24-25 Jan	Honey Creek	Kurt Menking
13-14 Feb	Bustamante, MX	Joe Ranzau
14-16 Feb	Deep & Punkin	Geary Schindel
21-22 Feb	Robber Baron Survey	Joe Mitchell

ORIENTATION TO CAVE RESCUE

February 7 & 8

Orientation to Cave Rescue (OCR) consists of classroom and fieldwork in all phases of cave rescue including underground environment, vertical operations, extrication techniques, medical management, communications systems, and the organization and management of cave rescue operations. Participants typically include cavers, emergency service personnel, and emergency managers. OCR provides a solid foundation for the Level One course held at periodic regional seminars and annual NCRC national seminars.

The seminar provides approximately 16 hours of instruction over 2 days. Fieldwork can be strenuous, and participants must be in good physical health. Students should be prepared to work in difficult situations, both above and below ground. Participants must review and sign a liability waiver at check-in registration. Persons under the age of 18 should contact the Course Coordinator prior to registering. registration fee is \$50 and there are no refunds after January 31, 2009.

The orientation is being held at Colorado Bend State Park, The South Central Region of the National Cave Rescue Commission, with Texas Parks and Wildlife, presents Orientation to Cave Rescue, Bend State Park, Bend, TX

For more information contact: Rod Dennison, Course Coordinator, at 254-780-3256 or 254-563-5990 -cell; or email him at rld0508@yahoo.com

To help make our newsletter more interesting, please submit articles, news and photos or cave surveys to jillorr@swbell.net

TCC WINTER CONFERENCE

27 February – 1 Mar

The Third Texas Cave Conservancy Winter Conference is a special event for new cavers, however Old-timers are welcome as well. Take this opportunity to round up your new people and get them caving and learning about caves. The TCC asks for a donation to assist in the costs, however for new cavers (less than five years) everything is free. There is really no good reason not to take part.

Our special guest is Ron Kerbo. For a number of years Ron was with the National Parks Service. Ron's presentation will be "Wooden Lettuce, Chili Peppers and the Speleo-education of an Oil Field Roust-a-Bout".

For additional information contact tcc-caves@austin.rr.com. We will send you the TCC News with more information on the event.

BRACKEN WORK PROJECT

February 28, 2009, 8:30 am

We are building a rainwater collection system. This will evolve setting posts, framing a tin roof, installing piping to water storage tanks and drinking troughs.

Tools are needed, please bring: cordless drills & saws, hammers, step ladders, shovels, and a concrete mixer. Bring your lunch, water & sodas will be provided.

For more information contact Fran Hutchins fhutchins@satx.rr.com

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