

Dear GEAA Members and Friends,

Bexar Grotto cavers need your help. The Texas Cave Management Association (TCMA) will be having a work day Saturday, 18 February to dig out a cave (Niche Cave) on one of their properties, the Rolling Oaks Cave Preserve in Bexar County (northeastern San Antonio).

We plan to dig out a sinkhole and associated cave that is full of old ranch trash with additional sediment washing in. They need people, buckets, shovels, and other cave-digging tools. Bring your own gloves, drinks, and snacks for the work. TCMA will provide bottled water. The cave preserve is located at 224 Laurel Ridge Lane, San Antonio, TX 78253 (Don't go to Pipe Creek!). All visitors to the Preserve will be asked to sign a liability waiver. Look for signs and park along the street. Meet at 10:00 am. We should be finished with the work by 2pm or so.

Ellie Watson, Rolling Oaks Cave Preserve Manager, will be on-site if anyone wishes to enter the other caves on the preserve (Chimney Cricket Cave, Obvious Little Cave, and World Newt Cave) after the dig. Bring your own cave gear. You can call her at 509-899-0007(cell) if you have any questions about the project or caves.

There is no need to RSVP if you are attending. Just show up!

I have been warned that this will be more of a work project than a caving experience. Still, it will give you a chance to get up close and personal with a karst environment.

Thanks for your support of TCMA and cave management.

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