



A unique event for scouts & other youth groups!

Come join us this winter for a unique winter camping experience - one hundred feet underground! Explore America's longest underground river by boat; then walk, crawl, and climb through an undeveloped part of the Caverns not seen on our regular tours. Camp overnight in Canyon Hall, high above the hidden banks of Myst'ry River.

Bluespring Caverns' "Overnight Adventure" is a program specially designed for youth ages 9 to 16. We hope to permit each participant to experience and enjoy the "living cave".

The Program

- Enter the cave at 7PM EST for campsites in Canyon Hall.
- Explore Myst'ry River in the Caverns aboard our custom electric tour boats.
- Explorers walk, crawl, and climb along undeveloped side passages with the aid of their own lights, led by our staff.
- We demonstrate the ways and means of safe cave exploration during the Demonstration Hour.
- Our underground slide show brings to view the far reaches of Bluespring Caverns, presenting more of the fragile beauty of the underground wilderness.
- "Lights Out" in the cool 50 degree temperature of Canyon Hall.
- "Lights On" precedes breakfast. Then return to the light of the surface at 9AM



Facilities

On the Surface: Limited picnic tables, open areas for organized activities. Restrooms and Visitor Center open one hour prior to program start time.

Caverns: "Cave Inn" snack bar with sandwiches, snacks and soft drinks.

Nearby: Hiking trails and shelterhouse facilities are available at nearby Spring Mill State Park. Restaurants of all types are available in the area for the evening meal prior to the "Overnight Adventure".

For Participants and Parents

Bluespring Caverns "Overnight Adventure" is an experience in the natural world. For the enjoyment and safety of all, we insist that participants follow the directions of our staff, who will supervise each part of the experience with assistance from your group leaders. Rowdy behavior will not be tolerated.

Our "wild tour" in an undeveloped section of the Caverns can be considered moderately strenuous and may not be suitable for individuals with severe handicaps or who are not in reasonably good physical condition. As in all adventure programs some scrapes and bruises are possible - especially when rowdy behavior or disregard for rules is involved.

Equipment Checklist

The following items are necessary for each person on the "Overnight Adventure"

- Flashlight (electric light source)
- Old clothing and boots or sneakers for wild caving plus another change of warm clothing and shoes
- Warm sleeping bag and a plastic ground cloth
- Warm coat (even in Fall and Spring)
- A good attitude!

Basic Rules of the Cave

- 1) No running or horseplay is allowed at any time in the Caverns.
- 2) The Caverns are protected by Indiana Law. Nothing is to be removed or disturbed.
- 3) All persons must follow instructions of Bluespring Caverns personnel and should plan on staying for the entire program. No "wandering" is allowed.
- 4) No cooking is allowed. Candles and gas lanterns may not be used in the Caverns. Snacks are available at our snack bar.
- 5) We expect general courtesy and a good attitude from every participant.