

## EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

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

- ▶ Flashlight or Headlamp & extra batteries.
- ▶ Old clothing and boots or sneakers for wild caving plus another change of warm clothing and shoes.
- ▶ Warm sleeping bag for Bunk, small pillow. No air beds, air mattresses, cots or ground cloths.
- ▶ Hand towel, warm coat, plastic bag for clothes.
- ▶ A good attitude!

## BASIC RULES OF THE CAVE

- 1 No running or horseplay is allowed at any time in the Caverns. Everyone must stay with their group.
- 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.

## Ready for Adventure?

Bluespring Caverns' "Overnight Adventure" is available on Friday and Saturday evenings only from October 1 through April 30. Reservations should be made early as many dates are filled 90 days ahead. Minimum group size is 15, though smaller groups can sometimes be scheduled to fill dates. We will refuse groups whose past behavior has not been satisfactory.

## A UNIQUE EVENT FOR SCOUTS AND OTHER YOUTH GROUPS

Bluespring Cavern's "Overnight Adventure" is a program specially designed for youth ages 9 to 16 in organized groups. We hope to assist each participant to experience and enjoy the "living cave".

### PROGRAM

- ▶ Enter cave at 7:00 PM EST (8:00 on Fridays) for camping areas in Canyon Hall.
- ▶ Explore Bluespring Caverns underground "Myst'ry River" 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 (helmets are furnished and required).
- ▶ 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 52 degree temperature of Canyon Hall. Bunk for sleeping bag provided.
- ▶ "Lights On" precedes breakfast in the Caverns. Then return to the light of the day by 9:00 AM EST.

### FACILITIES

#### ON THE SURFACE

Bluespring Caverns Park includes picnic tables, open play areas and the Colglazier Visitor Center with gift shop & restrooms. Facilities are open 1 hour prior to the start of the program.

#### CAVERNS

The "Cave Inn" snack bar has hot dogs, snacks and hot/cold drinks for purchase.

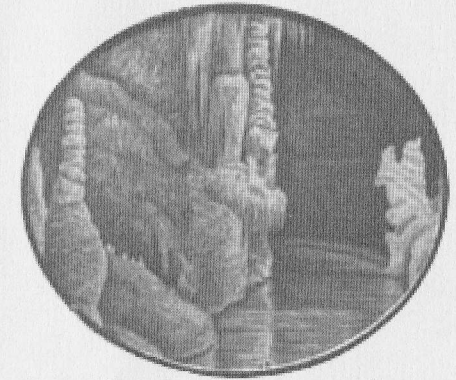
#### NEARBY

Hiking trails and shelterhouse facilities are available at nearby Spring Mill State Park. Information for dining the evening before your trip can be found at [www.limestonecountry.com](http://www.limestonecountry.com).

## FOR PARTICIPANTS & PARENTS

Bluespring Cavern's "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, injuries are possible, especially when rowdy behavior or disregard for rules is involved.



## PARENTAL PERMISSION

Completion of this section is required for all minors participating in the "Overnight Adventure"



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Name of Minor Participant

has my permission to participate in the "Overnight Adventure" at Bluespring Caverns. I have read the information in the Overnight Adventure brochure and am aware of the nature of the program. I realize that, as in any adventure program, injuries are possible and agree that Bluespring Caverns Inc., its directors, employees and assigns shall not be held responsible for such injuries.



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Signature of Parent or Guardian



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Date

**This permission slip must be collected by the group leader and presented to us at time of registration.**