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August Proclaimed Caving Month in Wisconsin

Spring Valley, WI (July 29) Governor Walker has issued a proclamation designating August 2013 as Show Cave and Caving Month in Wisconsin. The proclamation particularly recognizes the work of the Wisconsin Speleological Society, an organization dedicated to the exploration, study and protection of caves and landscapes throughout the state.

The proclamation was delivered to the society by Representative Paul Tittl (R-Manitowoc) during its monthly meeting on Saturday, July 20, at Maribel Caves County Park.

“Caves and the show cave industry provide wonderful recreational, educational and economic benefits for our state,” said Rep. Tittl. “The proclamation recognizes the tens of thousands of hours volunteers have performed in the discovery, exploration, education, science, management, search and rescue, conservation, and protection of caves and karst-related features.” said Tittl.

Crystal Cave in Spring Valley, located in the heart of Western Wisconsin, has the honor of being the longest cave in the state and a top show cave in Wisconsin with visitors from all over the world. Eric and Kristen McMaster, the owners of Crystal Cave, are both active member of the Wisconsin Speleological Society and are Life Members of the National Speleological Society. “Crystal Cave is an incredible educational adventure that lies just beneath the ground,” says Eric McMaster, owner.

At Crystal Cave visitors will discover a unique, naturally formed, geological wonder 485 million years in the making. Professionally guided tours explore multiple levels and meandering passages that descend more than 70 feet below the earth. A new perspective on the history and geology of the region is revealed as visitors pass stalactites, stalagmites, other crystal formations, and the four species of bats who call Crystal Cave home.

This year’s visitors will notice many updates and additions to the Crystal Cave grounds. A newly remodeled educational gift shop offers educational items, books and gifts, in addition to an expansive collection of unique rocks and fossils from all over the world. Newly refurbished hiking trails, picnic grounds, and landscaping, featuring native perennials, adds to the beauty and adventure on the grounds.

Crystal Cave is open for tours daily from April through October. For more information visit their website at www.ACoolCave.org or follow their page on Facebook to join their active community.

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