Indiana Caverns... The longest cave in Indiana and the 9th longest cave in the US!

SIT THE ICE AGE...

Over 2 million years ago physical and atmospheric conditions changed the earth resulting in great ice sheets covering much of North America.

Waterfall

Underground Boat Ride

Ice Age Bones

Gemstone & Fossil Panning



Animals such as the Flat-headed peccary, **Pleistocene Black Bears and** bison took refuge in caves.

Approx. 12,000 years ago, the entrance to the Binkley Cave closed, trapping many animals, leaving the bones of these Ice Age animals well preserved within the sealed cavern.

In 2010, cave explorers discovered the section now known as Indiana Caverns and uncovered an incredibly preserved historic record of the Ice Age within these bones.

Indiana Caverns opened in 2013, sharing its rich scientific discoveries to students of all ages through fun, exciting and age appropriate experiential tours.

## THE OLDEST & **COOLEST NEW FIELD TRIP DESTINATION!**

No dry, dusty history here! Experience Big Bone Mountain with its enormous breakdown boulders and an amazing waterfall crashing down almost 40 feet onto flowstone. Uncover the cave's rich past and the Ice Age animals that called it home.

Glimpse blind cave crayfish and other cave life amid the beautiful rimstone dams. Learn how caves are formed and their special role in the environment.



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### GET FACE-TO-FACE WITH SCIENCE, HISTORY, GEOLOGY & BIOLOGY

- Special school rates
- Free teacher/staff tours (1 per 10 paid students)
- Shelter house and picnic area available on site
- Free bus parking on site
- Kid-friendly gift shop
- Interpretive displays & cave/karst surface trail
- Great options for packaging your trip with meals, gemstone mining or other nearby attractions – just ask us!

#### **SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS:**

- 12 person minimum/ 120 maximum (larger groups will be broken into smaller tour groups)
- Reservation required
- Allow at least 2-3 hours for your visit (depending on size of group)
- Limited availability

## So MUCH.... TO SEE .... TO LEARN .... TO EXPLORE

This unique cave system gives students so many things to learn and discover and <u>it's all included</u> in the 1 hour and 20 minute tour! Here's some of what you'll see and do:

- Pleistocene Fossils, including bones, bear beds, claw marks and animal tracks
  - Active Paleontology Site
- Big Bone Mountain
- Underground Boat Ride
- Waterfalls
- Diverse Ecosystem
  - Gemstone & Fossil Panning

#### MILEAGE:



# CALL OR VISIT SOON!