

# West Virginia Mushroom Club

Application for Foray Attendance or WVMC Club Membership

Kids under 12 and over 80 attend for free!

**About Our Club:** We are a non-profit organization that provides a venue for the sharing of ideas, experiences, knowledge and common interests regarding fungi; we furnish mycological information and educational materials to those who wish to increase their knowledge about fungi; and we promote interest in mycology and mycophagy.

Please PRINT the name of EACH family member attending this foray

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\_\_\_\_\_Address

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\_\_\_\_\_City, State, Zip Code

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\_\_\_\_\_Email address

(Please print email address very clearly – email is our primary way to reach you)

(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_Telephone number (used only if we can't read above info)

PLEASE NOTE:

WE RESPECT YOUR PRIVACY. ABOVE INFO IS FOR CLUB USE ONLY

## Disclaimer

Foray attendance and club membership are voluntary and people who don't feel comfortable with our position on the following should refrain from joining the club and/or participating in club activities or forays.

No matter what happens to you, your family, your guests, or your property at or on the way to or from meetings, walks or forays, it is not the fault of the club, its officers, members or identifiers, even if alcoholic beverages were made available to you before, during or after the event. It is your responsibility to control your consumption of alcohol.

You fully assume the risks associated with attending, participating in, traveling to and from foray locations, and hiking trails that may contain dangerous terrain, people, animals, or vegetation.

It is your responsibility to determine whether a mushroom or other fungus is safe to consume before you consume it. You assume the risk of illness, injury, accident or death when you consume any items prepared or made available to you at a club meeting or one of our forays. It is possible that there may be items at a foray or meeting that contain one or more mushrooms or other fungi that were misidentified by the person or chef who prepared them and you assume that risk when you consume those items. You might have a reaction or allergy to consumable items, including mushrooms that are generally considered to be safe or edible. There is also the possibility that you can get sick or die after eating a mushroom, even if you have safely eaten the exact same genus, species and variety before. No matter what the cause, if you get ill, injured, have an accident or die after consuming items prepared or made available to you at a mushroom meeting or foray, it's not the fault of the person who prepared the items, the attendees at the foray, the club, or any of the club's officers, members or identifiers, it is your fault for consuming it without first assuring that you can safely do so. Also, be aware that a mushroom you see on display at a foray may not be the same mushroom named on the identification tag beside it. We have seen instances where foray attendees pick up and study a mushroom and then inadvertently place it on the wrong plate on the table when they return it. So a mushroom labeled as an edible mushroom may not necessarily be the same mushroom that the mycologist initially identified and placed on that plate. Also, some specimens may not have been identified by foray mycologists, but by enthusiastic, but mistaken, amateurs trying to help out. Finally, please use sensible precautions before eating any mushroom, even if you feel certain about its identity: eat only a small amount and save a specimen for analysis by personnel in the emergency room, hospital laboratory or coroner's office.

I have read the warnings in the disclaimer, I understand the risks, and I decided to join the club and/or attend a foray anyway. I agree to release, hold harmless, and indemnify the club, its officers and its members and identifiers for any responsibility for illness, injuries, accidents or death sustained by myself, my guests, my family and/or my property while traveling to and from or while attending meetings, walks or forays.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Your typed signature is legally effective as an "electronic signature")

Mushroom club membership: \_\_\_\_WVMC\_\_\_\_MAW\_\_\_\_WPMC\_\_\_\_AMA

**Please check all that apply so we can try to tailor future activities for you:**

- ☐ I'm an amateur
- ☐ Cooking with mushrooms, helping with food prep at forays or sharing recipes for newsletters
- ☐ Dying, making paper, making jewelry or other crafts using mushrooms
- ☐ Mushroom art/graphics/illustration
- ☐ Mushroom photography
- ☐ Cultivation
- ☐ Selling mushroom items
- ☐ Speaking/educating about mushrooms
- ☐ Writing about Mushrooms
- ☐ Mushroom Research, DNA Sequencing, Toxicology
- ☐ I can help the club by doing something that can be done by telephone or computer
- ☐ Web Page maintenance (pretty please - we are REALLY desperate!!)
- ☐ Newsletter preview and editing
- ☐ Copying and mailing newsletters (club pays expenses, you do the work)
- ☐ Publicity (calling/emailing your local newspaper with info about forays)
- ☐ Depositing checks and bookkeeping
- ☐ Preparing and filing tax info for the mushroom club
- ☐ Keeping membership info up-to-date
- ☐ Purchasing (with club funds) & bringing items to forays or meetings
- ☐ Helping with registration at forays
- ☐ Leading a foray walk (i.e. return with same number of people you left with)
- ☐ Mushroom identification at forays

Annual Membership Dues: \$20 individual \$30 family, payable to:

**West Virginia Mushroom Club, 703 Laurel Rd Charleston WV 25314**