



# Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club Newsletter

## Fungi, Fun & Friends!

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### President's Message

Barbora Batokova

**W**HAT A START to the summer! With all the rain we've had lately and the warm temperatures settling in, conditions are shaping up beautifully for fungi to flourish—and for us to get out and enjoy a fantastic mushroom season.

Our annual Mushroom Education Day at Powdermill Nature Reserve was a resounding success. I'm thrilled to report we documented 59 different species—a wonderful testament to the great weather, the richness of our region, and the sharp eyes of our members. One of the most exciting finds of the day was *Microstoma floccosum* (pink fringed fairy cup), a striking pastel-pink cup fungus with delicate white hairs—a rare and beautiful species that had many of us buzzing!

We've got plenty of walks planned in the coming months! This is shaping up to be one of those seasons where every outing offers something new to see and learn.

I'm also excited to share that our inaugural WPMC camping trip and foray is happening July 11-13 in collaboration with Oak Haven Mushroom Farm in Blairsville (Indiana County), organized by WPMC Identifier **Dawn Wehman** and led by WPMC Mycologist **John Plischke**. This promises to be a memorable weekend of fungi!

Finally, I am happy to report that the state mushroom vote is on the horizon! We're anxiously awaiting a decision by the House Tourism, Recreation & Economic Development Committee on recognizing *Ganoderma tsugae* (hemlock varnish shelf) as the official Pennsylvania state mushroom. Stay tuned—this could be a big step for fungi awareness in our region!

Stay safe in the woods, be mindful of ticks, and as always—happy mushrooming!

## 2025 Meeting Schedule

**M**ARK YOUR CALENDARS now for this year's monthly WPMC meetings. Note that the September meeting has been moved to September 9 so that it will not be the same week as the Lincoff Foray. All meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings from March through November at the Frick Environmental Center and will feature updates on club activities, a speaker/presentation, mushroom identification table, and mushroom-related merchandise for sale. Meetings are free and open to the public. If you can't be there in person, check this website on the night of the meeting to watch live: <https://www.facebook.com/WPAMC>

The streams are also being archived on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/WesternPennsylvaniaMushroomClub>

### JULY 15 – Medicinal/Culinary Mushrooms: Fantastic Fungi to Save Body, Mind, and Spirit

Dr. Michael Beug (virtual)

This talk will be in two parts:

**PART 1: Psychotropic fungi** deals briefly with various *Amanita* groups, where the principal toxins are muscimol and ibotenic acid. It then explores in-depth the species containing psilocybin and psilocin as the main active compounds and their use in dealing with PTSD, depression, and more.

**PART 2: General medicinal/culinary fungi** examines mushroom food value and nutrition and the vast range of potential functional foods and medicinal uses of fungi. Dr. Beug will describe mushroom use by individuals diagnosed with cancer and some incredible outcomes.



### AUGUST 19 – What happens to our specimens: From the dehydrator to the journal article

John Plischke and Garrett Taylor

WPMC Mycologists John Plischke (left) and Garrett Taylor (right) will give you a behind-the-scenes tour of the latest lab protocol leveraging Oxford Nanopore. They will share what they've learned over the last several years, collecting mushroom specimens in the field and evaluating their DNA ITS fungal barcodes.



John and Garrett both started with the initial group of citizen scientists who began seriously documenting and sequencing for the original Fungal Diversity Survey (FUNDIS) project back in 2017. Subsequently, they have collected with the Hoosier Mushroom Society on their Summer and Fall state MycoBlitzes since 2020.

They've helped to keep WPMC MycoBlitzing, sequencing everything here which we can't be sure has been sequenced before. We first successfully tested a Nanopore MycoBlitz run at the 2022 Lincoff Foray with **Stephen Russell**, WPMC Mycologist **Cara Coulter**, and the club's help. John and Garrett played an instrumental role in the sequencing initiative at the last two NAMA Forays, each surpassing 1,000 collections.

### SEPT. 9 – When the Tables are Turned: Plants that Eat Fungi by Melissa McCormick (VIRTUAL)

### OCT. 21 – Photo Contest Results and Election of Officers

### NOV. 18 – Potluck & Annual WPMC Awards



# New to Us: *Crepidotus capitatocystidiatus* and *C. albissimus*

By Richard Jacob

THIS IS THE FIRST of hopefully many “New to Us” articles, introducing species that are not on the club’s life list but have been identified and confirmed by DNA sequencing to be in Western PA.

I downloaded a list of species that have been DNA sequenced in the Western PA region from iNaturalist and compared the species to a maximal list of all possible species prepared by WPMC Mycologist **John Plischke** for the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the WPMC life list. Our club’s life list had not been updated with species identified by DNA from recent Lincoff forays and DNA barcoding events, an instance where procrastination was helpful!

Note that we are only interested in species that have a full scientific name or Latin binomial, not species that have temporary codes and could be undescribed. After cleaning up the list and removing duplicates, etc., there were 832 entries. This list will be published on the club’s website shortly. There are 8,113 species on the maximal list, of which 1,621 are on the club’s life list. A comparison between the two iNat sequenced lists reports 367 species that are new to our lists and 63 that are on the maximal list but not yet on the club’s life list.

Out of these 430 species, I have somewhat at random selected two *Crepidotus* species to report here. Looking at Index Fungorum, an online website that tracks nomenclature, there are 591 records or names of *Crepidotus* species and variants. Many have been redirected to another entry, as they are considered duplicates of an earlier description. Even so, there are over 300 active names on the list. A book, *North American Species of Crepidotus*, published in 1965, covers 125 species. But on the club’s life list we only have seven species recorded in the area. Clearly there is a lot more to know!

## *Crepidotus capitatocystidiatus*

*Crepidotus capitatocystidiatus* is the easier one of the two to document (if not pronounce), as the species was recently described from China. There is only one observation on iNaturalist, collected by **Stephen Russell** at the Mycological Association of Washington Sequanota Foray in the Laurel Highlands in 2023. The DNA analysis of the ITS barcode was one base pair different and not considered sufficient to split the Pennsylvania observation from the holotype. Given the lack of observations of *C. capitatocystidiatus*, we do not know its true range. It is clearly present both here and in China. If the species is cosmopolitan, then we would expect it to be found across Europe, too. In that case, the species would likely be reclassified, once older herbarium specimens are sequenced and *C. capitatocystidiatus* becomes a synonym to a prior publication. Another possibility is that it is a Chinese species that has been transported on packing material to North America and is now an invasive species. Time will tell.



How to identify *C. capitatocystidiatus*? The images on iNaturalist show a small specimen with white caps and light brown gills maturing to shades of yellow and brown. The published description compares the mushroom’s colors to the **Ridgeway** color scheme which is a fascinating story in itself. The most distinguishing macro feature is a pleated or lobed cap, best shown in Photo 1.

The pleating is not as pronounced in the images of the holotype specimens, although it is mentioned in the description. Younger specimens show a short stem with clear villosity—long slender hairs—at the base. The caps are pubescent when young, covered in soft down or fine short hairs, but smooth when mature. The margin (edge of the cap) is described as weakly tomentose—densely matted or woolly hairs—at all stages of growth. Cap size is from 0.5 cm to 2.5 cm, so on the smaller size compared to *Crepidotus applanatus* (the “flat crep”). Microscopic verification will help with the identification. The spores are reported to be  $6.2 \times 5.0 \mu\text{m}$ , guttiform (drop shaped) and covered by small irregular warts. The spore shape, more than the size, should help separate it from other common *Crepidotus* species. Refer to this publication for a full description: <https://www.mdpi.com/2309-608X/10/10/710>

## *Crepidotus albissimus*

*Crepidotus albissimus* was published in 1943 in *Mycologia* “Additions to Florida Fungi” by William Murrill. We do not have a sequenced holotype for *C. albissimus*, so it may be a name that changes in the future. What we do have is a collection of observations with the same ITS barcode and a mushroom with distinctive features. All the observations for *C. albissimus* are on the eastern side of the USA. The first was collected by **Stephen Russell** at the 2022 Lincoff Foray walk in Cook Forest State Park and has been sequenced. A second sequenced observation was made at the same location by WPMC Mycologist **Cara Coulter** a year later.

This is another small *Crepidotus*, approximately 1 cm wide. Fresh specimens will be all white, both cap and gills, but it will darken to a light brown over time. The distinguishing macro feature is the silky fibrillose—tiny, threadlike fibers or strands—covered cap. This is clearly seen in Photo 2 by Cara. Microscopically, spores are reported as  $5.3\text{--}7 \times 3.5\text{--}4.5 \mu\text{m}$  ellipsoid or subovoid, smooth and pale brown. An accessible description is available in the *North American Species of Crepidotus* book.

That covers two “New to Us” species that we hope more club members will be able to find and identify in the future.

(below left) *C. capitatocystidiatus*. Photo by Stephen Russell  
(below right) *C. albissimus* cap. Photo by Cara Coulter





# ALT Announces Nature on Wheels

By Julie Travaglini

FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS, Allegheny Land Trust's Education Team has been working on something major. We teased the announcement a fair amount over the last six months, but we can finally shout it from the rooftops: Nature on Wheels is coming!

Nature on Wheels is a new initiative from ALT's Education Team designed to expand access to environmental education across the region. This innovative hybrid truck-and-trailer system allows us to bring our programs directly to more—and more diverse—audiences, especially those traditionally excluded from environmental education. Reaching underserved communities is essential for promoting environmental justice and empowering residents to advocate for healthier, more sustainable environments.

These communities often experience higher exposure to pollution, fewer green spaces, and limited access to environmental resources. By bringing Nature on Wheels directly into these neighborhoods, we provide individuals with the knowledge and tools to engage in local decision-making, address environmental challenges, and build resilience to climate-related risks. Ultimately, this kind of outreach fosters a stronger connection to nature and inspires collective action for lasting, positive change.

The trailer was designed with the guidance of CannonDesign's Open Hand Studio and funded by American Eagle Outfitters Foundation, Arconic Foundation, Benedum Foundation, CannonDesign, Grable Foundation, HDR Inc., Rivers of Steel, and the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club. ALT's Education and Development teams worked together to raise more than \$225,000 to fund the creation and build-out of Nature on Wheels.

WPMC funding for this project will provide microscopes for the truck and allow us to bring mycology and the fascinating world of fungi to even more folks around the region. We look forward to bringing Nature on Wheels to a future meeting!



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# Weekend of Walks With or Without Camping

**Friday, July 11 — Sunday, July 13**

**WPMC CAMPING RETREAT**

**Oak Haven Mushroom Farm**



BRING YOUR FAVORITE mushroom field guides and join WPMC Mycologist **John Plischke** for a weekend of mushroom walks in Blairsville, Indiana County. Oak Haven Mushroom Farm will be the meeting location for three separate walks that weekend with camping on-site as an option (see below). Everyone is welcome to join us for any or all of the time slots (no registration required) and skip the camping part—your choice! Here's the schedule:

**Friday, July 11:**

**5:00 PM** or after (dinner on your own) set up camp

**Saturday, July 12:** (breakfast on your own)

**9:30 AM** Be on-site to be ready to go for 10AM

**10 AM – 12PM** Pile into cars in small groups and break out to one of several locations 5-10 minutes from Oak Haven to explore/collect samples

(lunch on your own)

**1:00 PM** Return to camp to table talk

**1:30 PM** Be on-site to be ready to go for 2PM

**2 – 4 PM** Pile into cars in small groups and break out to one of several locations 5-10 minutes from Oak Haven to explore/collect samples

**5:00 PM** Return to camp to table talk

(dinner on your own)

**7:30 PM** Camp fire (weather permitting) & socialize about the day's finds

**Sunday, July 13:** (breakfast on your own)

**9:30 AM** Be on-site to be ready to go for 10AM

**10 AM - 12PM** Pile into cars in small groups and break out to one of several locations 5-10 minutes from Oak Haven to explore/collect samples

(lunch on your own)

**1:00 PM** Return to camp to table talk

Pack-Up & Clean camp completed by 3PM

"Home base" will be ➡ **OAK HAVEN MUSHROOM FARM**  
342 Chestnut Ridge Rd, Blairsville, PA 15717

Local Hotels include Hampton Inn & Suites Blairsville and Days Inn by Wyndham Blairsville. Local RV camping and modern cabins can be found at Keystone State Park

Registration is required for the on-site camping portion only on a per-tent basis. NO CANCELLATIONS or REFUNDS will be accepted! This will be ROUGH camping (port-a-potty, no showers, no WiFi, bring your own water, tent, food, etc.) as we will have a limited number of spaces available. Register here:

<https://wpamushroomclub.org/events/wpamc-camping-retreat-indiana-county/>



PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES. [WWW.WPAMUSHROOMCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.WPAMUSHROOMCLUB.ORG) — 3



## WPMC Names New Identifier and Awards ID Buttons



**Cherie Cornmesser**



**Theresa Colecchia**



**Sara Kramer Frioni**



**Katie Manion**

ID BUTTON CHAIR **Julie Travaglini** has awarded ID buttons to the following WPMC members: **Theresa Colecchia** (75), **Sara Kramer Frioni** (75), and **Katie Manion** (100). In addition, **Cherie Cornmesser** became WPMC's latest Identifier; she previously received a 350 button! Congratulations to all!

WPMC's Button ID Button Program offers members a fun way to increase their knowledge of mushroom species. To learn more about the ID Button program and how to submit your list of known mushrooms, go to:

<http://wpamushroomclub.org/about/button-id-program/>



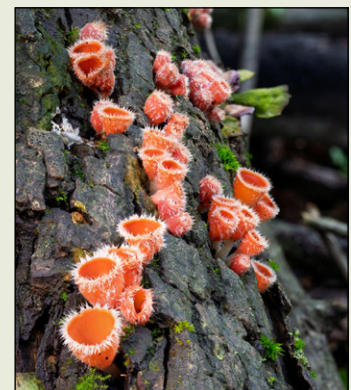
(Left) More than 40 people attended for Mushroom Education Day on June 14.

Photo by Barbora Batokova

## Mushroom Education Day Exceeds Expectations!

(Right) Attendees found 59 different species at Powdermill Nature Reserve.

Photo by Barbora Batokova



Participants were excited to find *Microstoma floccosum*, the Pink Fringed Faery Cup.

Photo by Jared White





## Out & About with WPMC

### Portage LEARNING

In May, WPMC Identifier **Dawn Wehman** led a mushroom walk at Brush Creek Park for a group of employees from Portage Learning in Chippewa Township, Beaver County.

Also In May, WPMC Identifier **Josh Mowris** gave a presentation on “Common Mushrooms of the Northeast” at Verity Herbs & Wellness in Erie.



In early June, WPMC Mycologist **Garrett Taylor** led two mushroom walks at Allegany State Park in New York as part of the 67th annual Allegany Nature Pilgrimage.

On June 8, WPMC Mycologists **Richard Jacob** and **La Monte Yarroll** led a mushroom walk in Schenley Park and hosted a mushroom display table, as part of Phipps Conservatory's annual BioBlitz Family Fun Festival.



On June 14, WPMC Mycologists **John and Kim Plischke** presented “Make Your Own Mushroom Kit” and “Mushroom Identification & Cooking” at Blue Knob State Park in Bedford County.

On June 19, WPMC President **Barbora Batokova** was interviewed online by Midwest Women's Herbal. Barbora will be the keynote speaker at this year's “Mycelium Mysteries” women's mushroom conference in Wisconsin.



On June 21, WPMC's Foray Food Chair **Mike Henry** led a walk at Montour Woods Conservation Area for Oak Hollow Land Trust, where Mike is a Volunteer Land Steward.



## City Nature Challenge 2025: Pittsburgh Region Results

THE 2025 CITY Nature Challenge took place from April 25-28, and the results were announced on May 5. The Pittsburgh Region included anyone using iNaturalist in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties during these dates. Those results were 10,328 observations by 559 people of 1,748 species.

Results for the category “Fungi including Lichens” were 810 observations by 142 observers of 199 species! The most-observed species was Dryad's Saddle, *Cerioporus squamosus*. WPMC members with the most species were: WPMC Identifier **Cherie Cornmesser** and WPMC Mycologist **Stephen Bucklin** with 54 each, WPMC Identifier **Jared White** with 23, WPMC Identifiers **Julie Travaglini** and **Dawn Wehman** with 22 each, and WPMC Mycologist **Richard Jacob** with 21.

To see the results, go to:

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2025-pittsburgh-region>

## Look Great While You Support WPMC!

SHOW YOUR WPMC pride by purchasing customized club gear from spreadshop.com. The WPMC Merch Store offers many products with the WPMC logo, including shirts of various styles, hats, mugs, aprons, tote bags, and more. Whether it's for men, women, or toddlers, you get to choose the size and color! Buy for yourself or as one-of-a-kind gifts. All purchases benefit WPMC, so get started at this link:

<https://western-pa-mushroom-club.myspreadshop.com/>



# Interview with Mary Jo Smiley

By Dawn Wehman

WHEN HIKING AND CAMPING, one sees a lot of mushrooms and even more once someone else starts pointing them out, says long-time WPMC member **Mary Jo Smiley**. “The *National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms* was my first book, but it was hard to learn from because of limited pictures.”

That’s what brought Mary Jo to join WPMC in 2005 and led to the large collection of mushroom books she has today. “Some of the better ones would be in the car all season. I was never good at memorizing names, and we didn’t have Facebook or iNaturalist or the tools and resources we have today.”

“I was thrilled to find the club. The gatherings and club walks were really an important part of how I learned. Seeing specimens in person and having someone tell me what they were was so much better than pictures. When I could, I would go out the day before our monthly meeting and bring mushrooms in, so they wouldn’t be too decomposed.”

Mary Jo has two Excalibur dehydrators and lots of mushrooms in storage. Lion’s mane, *Hericium erinaceus*, was the first—but definitely not the last—of her favorites to come to mind. “I used to get tons of Chanterelles and Chicken of the Woods, *Laetiporus sulphureus*, and Hen of the Woods, *Grifola frondosa*, every year. So many sometimes that I’d be sore the next day from picking!” She’s noticed more people coming to her favorite spots near Economy Boro and Wexford, “and I guess that’s OK.”

Dabbling in growing edible mushrooms has become her new fun thing to do. “I make sure I get to the cultivation meetings. I actually built myself a simple laminar flow hood, so I am playing with agar, spores and tissue cultures.”

“I can feel confident about knowing what I’m eating and what I find, and it’s fun to know something unique that not everyone has studied and learned about. I have been sharing my knowledge with friends I camp with, too.” Mary Jo still gets out a few times a week to forage during the peak seasons. “Rain after a dry spell makes me want to go out,” she smiles. “I know I should wait a few days after the rain, but it makes me want to go look and it makes a walk in the woods more fun.”



Mary Jo with the late Gary Lincoff



Mary Jo at the 2023 Gary Lincoff Foray

## WPMC Scholarship Committee

WPMC ADMINISTERS AN annual Scholarship/Grant program to promote wild mushrooming by providing monetary support for attending educational events, projects, research, or mycological studies by individuals or institutions. Application forms are available on our website and must be sponsored by a WPMC member. For more information or to register, go to:

<https://wpamushroomclub.org/education/wpamushroomclub-scholarship-grant-application/>

## Donations Help Fund WPMC Projects

LOOKING FOR A WAY to support WPMC beyond paying your annual dues? Make a donation anytime; it’s tax-deductible (if you itemize deductions) because WPMC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations may be made in honor or in memory of a loved one. Your employer may even match your contribution. Make checks payable to Western Pa. Mushroom Club and submit them to our Treasurer, **Jared Delaney**. You may donate using PayPal by using the email address [treasurer@wpamushroomclub.org](mailto:treasurer@wpamushroomclub.org).





# 25th Annual Gary Lincoff Foray



company. Make sure to come and join us in September, the memories we build together are well worth your time.

## REGISTER FOR LINCOFF FORAY BEFORE PRICES INCREASE

Registration is now open for the 25th annual Gary Lincoff Foray on Saturday, September 20, at The Lodge in North Park. Activities will include:

- Guided morning walks in North Park
- Afternoon speakers
- Mushroom display tables
- Auction, Sales, and Vendors
- Cooking Demonstration
- Mushroom Feast
- Table Walk

Prices are \$50 for current WPMC members, \$75 for non-members (includes membership through 2026), and \$30 for students. All fees will increase by \$10 on September 1, so register today at this link: <https://wpamushroomclub.org/lincoff-foray/>

## FREE PRE-FORAY WALKS

Before the Lincoff Foray at North Park, WPMC will also host a Fluorescent Foray at Cook Forest on Thursday, September 18, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm, and a Pre-Foray Walk at Cook Forest State Park on Friday, September 19, from 10 am to 3 pm. There is no charge for these walks, but you will be responsible for your own transportation and lodging. See page 10 for more details.

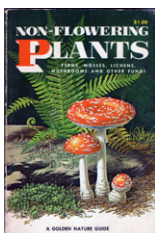
## FORAY WILL FEATURE TWO SPEAKERS

This year's Guest Mycologists will be **Britt Bunyard**, founder, Publisher, and Editor-in-Chief of the mycology journal *FUNGI*, and author of many books and **Matt Kasson**, Associate Professor of Mycology and Forest Pathology at West Virginia University. Britt will discuss stories from his book *The Lives of Fungi*. Matt will present his lab's work on fungivorous millipedes in his talk, "Fungus-eating millipedes: More fungi than legs!"



## AUCTION DONATIONS

Donations continue to come in for the Auction/Raffle at this year's 25th Annual Gary Lincoff Foray. Vintage book donations include this Historical/Hysterical field guide from 1967, before *Fungi* became a kingdom. It's called *Non-Flowering Plants* and includes mushrooms, lichens, and slime molds! If you would like to donate a mushroom-related item to this year's auction, call **Kathy Gilotty** at 412-445-3121 or email Past President **Cecily Franklin** at [cs4wpmc@gmail.com](mailto:cs4wpmc@gmail.com).



## VENDORS RETURN TO THE LINCOFF FORAY

WPMC is pleased to announce that the following vendors will be selling their wares at this year's Lincoff Foray. Here's who's coming and where you can find them online:

**Lucia Wong Yip: Mushroom Paintings**

<https://luciwongy.wordpress.com/>

**Flannel Roots Farm: Permaculture Art & Sustainable Products**

<https://flannelrootsfarm.com/>

**Jen Schnakenberg: Jewelry**

<https://jen-schnakenberg-jewelry.square.site/>

**Carrie King: Hand Spun and Remade**

<https://www.facebook.com/handspunremade/>

**Bonesetter Nursery: Native Plants**

[https://www.instagram.com/bonesetter\\_nursery/](https://www.instagram.com/bonesetter_nursery/)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRIDAY SETUP AT THE LODGE

WPMC has rented The Lodge at North Park for the entire day on Friday, September 19, so that we'll be ready for action first thing on Saturday. We need volunteers who won't be going to Cook Forest but would be willing to help us out locally. The club can rent a van, but we'll need a driver and others to help get supplies from our storage locker in Etna and take them to The Lodge. We'll also need a crew at North Park to set up tables and chairs. Members who volunteer will receive a rebate on their Foray registration fee. If you're interested and available, please contact Foray Co-Chair **Dawn Wehman** at [membership@wpamushroomclub.org](mailto:membership@wpamushroomclub.org)

## LINCOFF FORAY COOKS & KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Mike Henry** has been WPMC's Lincoff Foray Feast Chair since 2021. Mike is always looking for members who are willing to bring a dish to the Foray. You don't need to cook for 100 people – just 10 to 15. If you plan to bring a dish containing wild-foraged mushrooms, you will need to first get them approved by a club Identifier or Mycologist. It's OK to use store-bought mushrooms if you're uncomfortable with cooking wild mushrooms. In fact, your dish doesn't need to contain mushrooms at all. Some club members are allergic or sensitive to mushrooms and will need an alternative meal choice.



Photo by Cindi Wu

Please contact **Mike Henry** if you are interested in bringing a dish or volunteering for other kitchen duties at [forayfood@wpamushroomclub.org](mailto:forayfood@wpamushroomclub.org).

## FORAY LOGO CONTEST SELECTION IS UNDERWAY

WPMC received a fine assortment of logo ideas from members by the June 1 deadline, and selection is currently underway. The winner will be announced in the next newsletter.



# Photo Contest Has New Categories

By Sara Klingensmith

I HAVE MADE A few changes to the Photo Contest categories this year. Due to the popularity of the Pictorial category, I have split it into "Novice" and "Advanced." Mushroom Selfies will be absorbed by the Judge's Option. The Documentary category will stay the same. Here are the Photo Contest rules for this year:

- Deadline for Submissions: September 30, 2025
- Maximum of 5 Entries per WPMC member
- Submit high resolution JPEG files
- Rename images before submitting, using name and subject, e.g., "Joe Smith morel.jpg"
- Email entries to **Sara Klingensmith** at [pamushroomclubphotos@gmail.com](mailto:pamushroomclubphotos@gmail.com).
- Indicate in your email the desired category for each photo.

You must be a member of the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club in good standing to enter. Club dues must be up to date. Photos submitted by non-members will not be considered.

## ENTRY DIVISIONS

**Advanced Pictorial:** This division is for single photos that illustrate the beauty and variety of fungi in form and color. The objective is a photo suitable for display or illustration in a fine book. Judging criteria include consideration of both technical (focus, depth of field, exposure, lighting, color, absence of distracting elements) and artistic (composition, color, background, lighting) aspects.

**Novice Pictorial:** This division is for single photos that illustrate the beauty and variety of fungi in form and color. The objective is a photo that shows the photographer learning to use focus, depth of field, and lighting.

**Documentary:** For single photographs especially suited as illustrations in a field guide or monograph, or for use in a lecture. Emphasis is placed on portrayal of key morphological characteristics such that the usefulness of the image as an identification aid is maximized. Subjects may be shot in the field, laboratory or studio and the photographer has complete freedom to process, manipulate, or orient the specimen in any desired manner to achieve the goal. Close-ups of single features and photomicrographs are acceptable. Judging criteria will be the same as in the Pictorial categories but they will be of secondary importance to the overall mycological utility of the photo. Accurate identification of the subject will be a consideration.

**Judge's Option:** For photos which do not fit into the Pictorial or Documentary divisions. Examples include fungi in an interesting situation, fungi with animals, people enjoying fungi, and mushroom selfies.

**Subject Material:** Organisms from the Myxomycota (slime molds), the classes Basidiomycetes and Ascomycetes of the Eumycota ("true fungi"), and Lichens are eligible. For Judge's Option, nearly anything goes, so long as the theme relates to fungi, and fungi are a key element of the photograph.

**Use and Copyright:** WPMC may use your photographs on the website, newsletter and Mushroom Catalog and when we do, they will always be accompanied by your name as photographer (mentioned on the same page or caption of the image). WPMC will not allow the use of your photographs on other websites, although realistically we cannot prevent this. We will not sell or provide the images to others without your permission and the images remain the property and under the copyright of you the photographer and are used under license by the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club.

**For complete contest rules:**

<https://wpamushroomclub.org/photo-galleries/annual-wPMC-photo-contest/>



Photo by Leonard Dombroski Sr.

## Membership Dues Increase in 2026

By Dawn Wehman

THOSE OF YOU with a critical eye looking at the Lincoff Foray Registration form may have noted that we are getting ready for a membership fee increase in 2026. We haven't increased our dues for more than 15 years, but we too are being hit by the economy. Starting in 2026 WPMC dues will be:

- **Individual - \$20** (currently \$15)
- **Family - \$25** (currently \$20)
- **Student - \$15** (currently \$10)

This was a tough decision for the Board, but we deliberated and made sure our upcoming ask is in line with what neighboring clubs are doing. As of this writing, we have 441 members from 262 households. Your membership dues are vital to keep the club running. These dues contribute over 40% of the WPMC's income every year. WPMC members are entitled to the following benefits:

- Nine monthly meetings with speakers & mushroom identification
- Free mushroom kit at our annual cultivation meeting
- Five electronic WPMC newsletters
- Advance notice of mushroom walks and other local, regional & national events
- Annual photo contest for WPMC members only
- Access to WPMC Facebook Group
- Discount at WPMC's annual Gary Lincoff Foray

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to **Dawn Wehman** at [membership@wpamushroomclub.org](mailto:membership@wpamushroomclub.org). You can renew your membership now by going to:

<https://wpamushroomclub.org/about/join/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/250320011779>





Day and time for walks vary. Please read carefully for any registration requirements or fees. Check the website at [www.wpamushroomclub.org/events](http://www.wpamushroomclub.org/events) for updates, directions, and much more!

The Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club does not endorse or support the commercial harvesting of wild mushrooms from any state, county or city park. WPMC does promote the gathering of mushrooms—where permitted—for recreational, educational, and scientific purposes.

If you would like to lead a WPMC walk, or if you know a great walk location, please email WPMC Identifier Josh Mowris at [joshmowris@yahoo.com](mailto:joshmowris@yahoo.com).



## WPMC Walks & Events

### SATURDAY, JULY 5, 10:00 A.M.

**Headwaters Park (Erie County) 1927 Wager Rd, Erie, PA 16509**  
Meet WPMC Mycologist **Stephen Bucklin** at the parking area near the Erie County Conservation District office. Free and open to the public. Wear sturdy footwear and weather-appropriate clothing. The trail is flat and maintained with a maximum grade of 7%. An approx. 1-mile loop is our planned route. A portable restroom is available next to the parking lot. The parking lot is rough gravel.

### FRIDAY – SUNDAY, JULY 11-13

**WPMC Camping Retreat. Oak Haven Mushroom Farm  
342 Chestnut Ridge Road, Blairsville (Indiana County)**

*See page 3 for complete details.*

### SATURDAY, JULY 19, 10 AM TO NOON

**North Fork Bens Creek/North Fork Reservoir (Somerset County)**

Meet WPMC Mycologist **Richard Jacob** for a free walk at North Fork Bens Creek.

<https://wpamushroomclub.org/events/north-fork-bens-creek-north-fork-reservoir/>

### SATURDAY, JULY 26, 9 AM-1 PM

**Garden in the Park NORTH with Penn State Master Gardeners, Corner of Wildwood and Babcock Blvd.**

WPMC Identifier **Jared White** will host a table at North Park Garden in the Park, along with WPMC Bolete Specialist **Scott Pavelle** and **Kate Pavelle**. Stop by and help us find mushrooms for the display table.

<https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/allegheeny/educational-programs/garden-in-the-parks>

### SATURDAY, JULY 26, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**State Game Lands 203**

Join WPMC Identifier **Dawn Wehman** at the parking area indicated on the pin drop at State Game Lands 203, Economy Borough, Allegheny County, for a mushroom hike. Parking is slightly limited, so carpooling is recommended. Please dress appropriately as there is a hill and swampy areas if the weather is wet the week before. Free & open to the public. Parking is available at: 40°36'55.3"N 80°07'21.6"W

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZHUkL7abd39gXcei8>

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 10 AM TO 1 PM

**Clear Creek State Forest  
Kennerdell, PA (Venango County)**

Join WPMC Identifier **Josh Mowris** for a mushroom walk at Clear Creek State Forest. Free and open to the public.

<https://wpamushroomclub.org/events/clear-creek-state-forest-venango-county/>

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 10 AM TO NOON

**Beginner's Mushroom ID Hike with Allegheny Land Trust  
Bethel Green Conservation Area  
Pennsylvania 88 & Valley Drive, Bethel Park**

Join WPMC Identifier **Julie Travaglini** for a mushroom hike and ID table at Bethel Green. Hike runs rain or shine. **NO WALK INS** will be permitted. After a brief introduction, guests will be looking for mushrooms on their own before reconvening for an ID table and discussion at the end. As this hike is beginner friendly, we will be using the mushrooms' common names and looking at distinguishing features to begin identifying mushrooms. We will not be foraging for food on this hike or discussing edibility. Tickets are \$5; tickets are not required for children ages 2 and under. Purchase tickets here:

<https://allegheenylandtrust.networkforgood.com/events/86187-beginner-s-mushroom-id-hike>

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 9 AM-1 PM

**Garden in the Park SOUTH with Penn State Master Gardeners. Corner of Brownsville Road & Corrigan Drive**

WPMC Mycologist **La Monte Yarroll** will host a table at South Park Garden in the Park. Stop by and help us find mushrooms for the display table.

<https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/allegheeny/educational-programs/garden-in-the-parks>

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 11 AM-1 PM

**Boyce Mayview Park with Upper St. Clair Library**

Meet WPMC Identifiers **Josh Doty** and **Jared White** at the Bird Meadows Drive parking lot (off Boyce Road). We will explore the wetland trail. There is no charge for this walk, but space is limited. Register here: <https://twpusc.libcal.com/event/14672976>

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2:00-3:30 P.M.

**Trail Tour in Hays Woods with Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, 1017 Agnew Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227**

Meet WPMC Mycologist **Stephen Bucklin** at the Agnew Trailhead entrance for a walk through the hidden trails of Hays Woods. This trail tour is about two miles long and may entail slopes at times, both

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ascending and descending. Terrain can be rugged and slippery at times, especially after rain. We recommend hiking shoes or boots with good traction, and hiking poles, if extra support is needed. There is no charge for this walk, but space is limited. Register here:

<https://pittsburghparks.org/event/trail-tour-in-hays-woods-park-featuring-stephen-bucklin/>

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 10 AM-1 PM

#### Oil Creek State Park (Venango County)

Meet WPMC Identifier **Dirk Cappel** at Oil City State Park Bike Trail, Southern Terminus Parking for a walk in Wildcat Hollow. Parking is permitted on either side of the bridge near the pin drop, but you must walk across the closed bridge. We will be watching for attendance to arrive from both sides of the closed bridge. Free and open to the public.

<https://wpamushroomclub.org/locations/oil-creek-state-park-bike-trail-southern-terminus-parking/>

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 10 AM TO 1 PM

#### Allegheny National Forest. Hearts Content National Scenic Area, Tidioute, PA (Warren County)

Join WPMC Identifier **Josh Mowris** for a mushroom walk at Hearts Content National Scenic Area. Free and open to the public.

<https://wpamushroomclub.org/events/hearts-content-national-scenic-area-warren-county/>

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7:30-9:30PM

#### Fluorescent Foray at Cook Forest (Clarion County) Meet at the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Center

Join WPMC Mycologists & Identifiers for an evening stroll through the Forest Cathedral. We will use 365nm UV flashlights to light up the trail and search for fungi that glow in response to ultraviolet light. Some sections have steep grades of 10-17%. Expect to walk 1-2 miles, but participants can shorten the distance as needed.

Bring a headlamp, ideally with a red light, and wear sturdy footwear and weather-appropriate clothing. Participants are encouraged to bring their own UV flashlight. Leaders will provide protective eye-wear. There are restrooms available near the parking lot.

There is no charge, but you will be responsible for your own transportation and lodging. We recommend staying in the area if you're attending the Fluorescent Foray and coordinating with friends to find a campsite. The Ridge Campground at Cook Forest is an affordable option.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 10 AM-3 PM

#### Pre-Foray Walk at Cook Forest (Clarion County)

Meet WPMC Identifiers and Mycologists at Shelter 2 for a pre-Foray walk at Cook Forest. There is no charge for this walk, but you will be responsible for your own transportation and lunch.

### SEPTEMBER 21

#### 25th Annual WPMC Gary Lincoff Foray

See page 7 for more information.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

#### Mushroom Forage, Foray and Fun! Flagstaff Hill Pavilion, North Park. With Phipps, WPMC and Flannel Roots Farm

Registration for this event will begin on August 1 at:

<https://www.phipps.conservatory.org/>

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 10 AM – 1 PM

#### McConnells Mill State Park. Portersville, PA (Butler County)

Join WPMC Identifier **Josh Mowris** for a mushroom walk at Hell's Hollow Trail. Free and open to the public.

<https://wpamushroomclub.org/events/mcconnells-mill-state-park-hells-hollow-trail-butler-county/>

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

#### Glade Run Lake Conservancy (Butler County)

WPMC President **Barbora Batokova** will lead a mushroom walk at Glade Run Lake. More details in the next newsletter.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

#### Mushroom ID, Journaling & Foraging. New Dimension Pavilion, Boyce Park, with Phipps and Flannel Roots Farm

Registration for this event will begin on August 1 at:

<https://www.phipps.conservatory.org/>

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

#### Cook Forest Mushroom Walk with Keystone Trails Association. Keystone Hiking & Outdoor Weekend

Join WPMC President **Barbora Batokova** for a guided mushroom walk through the old-growth forest of Cook Forest State Park as part of Keystone Hiking & Outdoor Weekend. Program lineup and registration will be available in July.

<https://www.kta-hike.org/khow2024-874451.html>

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 10:00-11:30 A.M.

#### Trail Tour in Hays Woods with Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy 1017 Agnew Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Meet WPMC Mycologist **Stephen Bucklin** at the Agnew Trailhead entrance for a walk through the hidden trails of Hays Woods. This trail tour is about two miles long and may entail slopes at times, both ascending and descending. Terrain can be rugged and slippery at times, especially after rain. We recommend hiking shoes or boots with good traction, and hiking poles, if extra support is needed. There is no charge for this walk, but space is limited. Register here:

<https://pittsburghparks.org/event/trail-tour-in-hays-woods-park-featuring-stephen-bucklin-2/>

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 12:00-1:30 P.M.

#### Trail Tour in Hays Woods with Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy 1017 Agnew Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Meet WPMC Mycologist **Stephen Bucklin** at the Agnew Trailhead entrance for a walk through the hidden trails of Hays Woods. This trail tour is about two miles long and may entail slopes at times, both ascending and descending. Terrain can be rugged and slippery at times, especially after rain. We recommend hiking shoes or boots with good traction, and hiking poles, if extra support is needed. There is no charge for this walk, but space is limited. Register here:

<https://pittsburghparks.org/event/trail-tour-in-hays-woods-park-featuring-stephen-bucklin-3/>

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

#### Black Friday Walk at Hartwood Acres

Meet WPMC Mycologist **Richard Jacob** at the Mansion parking lot for our annual Black Friday Walk. Free and open to the public; no registration required.





# Other Walks, Forays & Events

## JULY 20-26

### 2025 Eagle Hill Institute Seminars (Eastern Maine) Discomycetes and Pyrenomycetes

<https://eaglehill.us/programs/sems-weeklong/flyers-weeklong-pdfs/2025-Miller.pdf>

## AUGUST 3-9

### 2025 Eagle Hill Institute Seminars (Eastern Maine) Identification Skills for the New Mushroomer: Foraging for Edible and Medicinal Mushrooms

<https://eaglehill.us/programs/sems-weeklong/flyers-weeklong-pdfs/2025-MarleyMulvey.pdf>

## AUGUST 8 – 17

### Summer Continental MycoBlitz 2025

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/summer-continental-mycoblitz-2025>

## AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 1

### Sequanota Foray with the Mycological Association of Washington, DC, Boswell, PA

<https://mawdc.org/event-5924453>

## SEPTEMBER 4 – 7

### Northwoods Foray, Cable, WI

<https://www.wisconsinmycologicalsociety.org/>

## SEPTEMBER 5 – 7

### Ohio Mushroom Festival, Hammondsville, OH

<https://ohiomushroomfestival.com/>

## SEPTEMBER 11 – 14

### North American Mycological Association (NAMA) Annual Foray, Marlboro, Vermont

<https://namyco.org/annual-foray/>

## SEPTEMBER 18 – 21

### Northeast Mycological Federation (NEMF) Foray Ithaca, NY

<https://www.nemf.org/>

## SEPTEMBER 21

### 25th Annual WPMC Gary Lincoff Foray

See page 7 for more information.

## OCTOBER 17 – 26

### Fall Continental MycoBlitz 2025

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/fall-continental-mycoblitz-2025>

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# Important Walk & Foray Information

## CHECK LIST:

- ☐ Bring a buddy or two. **Do not forage alone!**
- ☐ Dress for the weather, carry a rain poncho
- ☐ Bring drinking water and lunch
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Basket for collecting
- ☐ Knife for cutting mushrooms
- ☐ Wax or paper bags (no plastic) to keep mushrooms separated
- ☐ Whistle
- ☐ Compass
- ☐ Hand lens
- ☐ Cell phone & camera
- ☐ Notebook & pencil
- ☐ Field guide for identification
- ☐ Band-aids
- ☐ Garden hand-clippers
- Try to dig up three of the same species at different stages of development.
- Don't pick old mushrooms; leave them to drop spores.
- You are responsible for not getting lost. Find a buddy.
- Only Club Mycologists and Identifiers should be used for identification and advice.
- Take notes and pictures to help you remember the mushrooms: location, habitat, etc.
- Whether you decide to eat a mushroom is ultimately your responsibility alone.
- Help Keep Our Parks Clean! It's easy to bring a bag to collect cans, bottles or other trash you find. Trash cans are generally found nearby. If not, take it home for disposal.

**NEVER EAT AN UNIDENTIFIED  
MUSHROOM!**

## WPMC Newsletter

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# WPMC MEMBERSHIP FORM

Anyone who has an interest in wild mushrooms is welcome to become a WPMC member.

COMPLETE THIS FORM **PRINT CLEARLY**, SIGN AND MAIL

**Benefits:** WPMC newsletter • Nine monthly WPMC meetings • Free participation in WPMC walks • Discount for WPMC forays

NEW MEMBERSHIP: ☐ RENEWAL: ☐

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2 \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) \_\_\_\_\_

Interests (e.g.: foraging, identification, cooking, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT IN PLAIN BLOCK LETTERING. TAKE SPECIAL CARE WITH EMAIL ADDRESSES:  
numeral "1," uppercase "i" and lowercase "L" look the same.**

**Please return completed, signed and dated form (with check payable to Western PA Mushroom Club) to:**

WPMC, c/o Jared Delaney, 1912 Chislett Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206 • [treasurer@wpamushroomclub.org](mailto:treasurer@wpamushroomclub.org)

or visit <http://wpamushroomclub.org/about/join/> to pay using a credit card.

Please indicate your newsletter/event announcement preference: ☐ Electronic via e-mail ☐ Hardcopy via US mail (\$10 additional)

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## Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club Release and Indemnification Agreement

**This Release and Indemnification Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club, as it is presently organized and may be later structured ("WPMC") and the undersigned Member (the "Member") on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.**

WHEREAS, WPMC is a non-profit educational organization that has as its principal purpose the sharing of mushroom-related information among its members; and

WHEREAS, all officers, directors, identifiers and members serve WPMC in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration for their services; and

WHEREAS, in cases where WPMC charges a fee for its forays, walks, lectures and other events (collectively "WPMC Events"), it is doing so only to cover its direct costs and does not operate in a for-profit capacity; and WHEREAS, the Member understands that there is inherent and unavoidable risk in outdoor activities relating to hunting and consuming wild mushrooms. These risks include but are not limited to the dangers of hiking in difficult terrain, the possibility of misidentifying a wild mushroom, and the possible allergic or toxic reaction that some individuals may have to otherwise edible mushrooms.

NOW THEREFORE, the Member hereby agrees to the following:

1. The Member assumes all risks associated with WPMC Events. The Member expressly acknowledges that it is the Member's sole responsibility to hike safely and to determine whether a wild mushroom may be consumed.
2. The Member releases, holds harmless, and indemnifies the WPMC, its officers, directors, identifiers, and representatives from any and all liability relating to any injury or illness incurred by the Member or the Member's family members as a result of participation in a WPMC Event.

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. If any portion of the Agreement is declared for any reason to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement. This Agreement shall apply to all current and future WPMC events.

MEMBERS:

**SIGNATURE (IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER AGE 21, SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN). PLEASE PRINT NAME:**

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# 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GARY LINCOFF MUSHROOM FORAY

## SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 • THE LODGE AT NORTH PARK

Guests Mycologists: BRITT BUNYARD, founder, Publisher, and Editor-in-Chief of  
Fungi Magazine • MATT KASSON, Assoc Prof. of Forest Pathology and Mycology WVU

**Foray includes Mushroom Feast. Bring your own lunch. Light refreshments will be served.**  
**The Lodge at North Park — N. Ridge Dr., Allison Park, PA 15101**

**— REGISTRATION REQUIRED —**

**Children are welcome, but this event is structured for adults. There are no activities for kids.**

**NOTE: ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 ALL REGISTRATION FEES WILL INCREASE BY \$10.**

**INDICATE THE NUMBER/QUANTITY FOR EACH ITEM SELECTED. ALL FEES PER PERSON. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$50 WPMC member** / \$60 on or after 9/1/25 (with current paid 2025 membership) sub total: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **\$75 Non-members** / \$85 on or after 9/1/25 (includes 2025-26 Membership) sub total: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **\$30 Students (with ID) & kids 11 to 18** / (members or non-members) kids 10 & under free. / \$40 on or after 9/1/25 sub total: \_\_\_\_\_  
**FORAY T-SHIRT: \$20 each** \_\_\_\_\_ **Small** \_\_\_\_\_ **Medium** \_\_\_\_\_ **Large** \_\_\_\_\_ **XL** \_\_\_\_\_ **XXL** sub total: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2 \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**) \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTER & PAY ONLINE: [www.wpamushroomclub.org/lincoff-foray/](http://www.wpamushroomclub.org/lincoff-foray/)**

**REGISTER & PAY BY CHECK (payable to Western PA Mushroom Club):**

WPMC, c/o Jared Delaney, 1912 Chislett Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

**FOR MORE INFO: [Lincoff-Foray@wpamushroomclub.org](mailto:Lincoff-Foray@wpamushroomclub.org)**

**The foray feast can only happen if individuals volunteer to cook and serve.**

**Please reach out to MIKE HENRY if you can help at [FORAYFOOD@WPAMUSHROOMCLUB.ORG](mailto:FORAYFOOD@WPAMUSHROOMCLUB.ORG)**

**REGISTRATION & RELEASE: SIGNED & DATED RELEASE FORM IS AN ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT FOR ATTENDANCE.**

Knowing the risks, I (we) agree to assume the risks, and agree to release, hold harmless, and to indemnify the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club, and any of its officers or members, from any and all legal responsibility for injuries or accidents incurred by myself or my family during, or as a result of, any mushroom identification, field trip, excursion, meeting or dining sponsored by the club.

Signature (if participant is under age 18, signature of parent or guardian)

PLEASE PRINT NAME CLEARLY: (INCLUDE NAMES OF CHILDREN UNDER TEN)

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