



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA MUSHROOM CLUB NEWSLETTER

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President's Message CECILY FRANKLIN

"WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS"—both literally and figuratively this year. We've had record rainfall in Western Pennsylvania, which has brought out the mushrooms in abundance. And, after three weekends in a row without a scheduled mushroom walk, WPMC had four in one week: A Pop-Up Chanterelle walk at

Hartwood Acres on August 13 (in the rain, of course) and three on August 18 at North Park, Sycamore Island and Erie Bluffs State Park!

WPMC members will have lots of other activities to choose from in September, including two very different walks on Saturday, September 8. For those of you who will be in town, WPMC Mycologist Jim Tunney will lead an afternoon walk at the first-ever "RP Day" at Riverview Park on the North Side. Or if you happen to be in Ohio that weekend, then you may want to join our newest Identifier, Josh Doty, for his annual walk at Mohican State Park. Details on both of these walks can be found on page 6.

Of course, our biggest event of the year, the 18th Annual Gary Lincoff Foray, will take place on Saturday, September 15, with an optional morning walk at Cook State Forest the day before. You'll find lots more information about these two busy days in this newsletter. (See page 2.)

As our website states, "All walks and forays will be held rain or shine." So don't call or email me to ask if a walk is still on if it's raining. That's when it really gets worthwhile!



Talis Jacob (left) and his friend found Chanterelles in the rain at Hartwood Acres.

Photo by Richard Jacob

Last Chance to Register for the 18th Annual Gary Lincoff Foray!



Register for the Foray online at:

<http://wpamushroomclub.org/lincoff-foray/>

Information and map of Cook Forest State Park:

http://www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_004773.pdf

Camping and cabin reservations:

<http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/CookForestStatePark/Pages/Stay.aspx>

Friday, September 14: Optional Morning Walk at Cook Forest

Saturday, September 15: All-Day Event at North Park

The countdown continues. Have you registered already? No??? Don't miss a fun day and a great learning experience! The Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club is hosting its 18th Annual Gary Lincoff Foray on September 15, 2018.

Weekend activities will actually begin on Friday, September 14th with a free and optional walk in the old-growth forest of Cook Forest State Park, Clarion County, led by WPMC Mycologist Garrett Taylor and Forest Ranger Dale Luthringer. The walk will begin at 9:00 a.m., starting from Shelter 1. Registration is not required, but those who wish to obtain overnight accommodations in Cook Forest have the option of camping or renting cabins. Book now, as cabin rentals fill up quickly.

18th Annual Gary Lincoff Foray

SATURDAY'S FULL-DAY program will be held at Rose Barn in Allegheny County North Park from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The morning program will include guided walks and specimen collection along local trails. After lunch, the afternoon program will include presentations by guest mycologists **Taylor Lockwood** (author of *Treasures from the Kingdom of Fungi* and *Chasing the Rain*), **Walt Sturgeon** (author of *Mushrooms of the Northeast* and *Appalachian Mushrooms: A Field Guide*) and **John Plischke III** (*Good Mushroom, Bad Mushroom*).

We'll also have a cooking demonstration by Chef and Club Mycologist **Garrett Taylor**, as well as a Book-Signing / Meet & Greet with our speakers, auction, sales tables, vendors, demonstrations and more. Finally, the Foray will be capped-off by our legendary Mushroom Feast.

The cost for Saturday is \$35 for members, \$55 for nonmembers (includes a 2018-19 club membership), and \$15 for students and children 11-18. Children 10 and under are free. Register at: <https://wpamushroomclub.org/lincoff-foray/>

As always, we need volunteers:

- Hospitality
- Set-up and Clean-up crew
- Cooks (soups, casseroles, desserts, etc.) Contact Kim Plischke with questions.
- Auction items. Please contact Judy Mackenroth or Cecily Franklin about donations.

Volunteering is very easy. Just use this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094aa4af2ba3f49-lincoff1>

Or contact **Barbara DeRiso**, Foray Chair, to volunteer your services. And please remember, all foraged mushrooms, used in preparing a dish, must be identified by a Club Identifier or Club Mycologist prior to cooking.

See you there!



Foray to Feature Three Speakers...

In anticipation of his next book, **Walt Sturgeon** will tell us all about mushrooms of the Appalachians. Walt is the author of *Mushrooms of the Northeast*, which was recognized as the best field guide of 2016. He has received NAMA's Award for Contributions to Amateur Mycology and the Northeast Mycological Federation's Friend of the Amateur award.



World-famous photographer **Taylor Lockwood** will present Greatest Hits & Latest Clips. In his own words, "After many years of traveling the globe in search of beautiful mushrooms, I have gotten only deeper into a new passion: searching for the rarest of them all, bioluminescent mushrooms. There are only about 85 of these glow-in-the-dark wonders named and recorded from around the world. But the thrill of seeing them in a darkened forest—or better yet, finding new ones—has turned my passion into a tremendously rewarding obsession."



WPMC's own **John Plischke III** will share some of his secrets for *Edible Mushrooms and How to Prepare Them*. John is the author of *Good Mushroom, Bad Mushroom*. At last year's Lincoff Foray, John was awarded the Gary Lincoff Award for Contributions to Amateur Mycology, presented by Gary Lincoff himself!



And Many Cooks...

OUR COOKING DEMONSTRATION will be done by WPMC Mycologist **Garrett Taylor**, who will show us how to make Mushroom Tacos. When Garrett isn't foraging for mushrooms, he's a sous-chef at the Seneca Allegany Resort and Casino in Salamanca, New York.

Other WPMC members have already volunteered to bring dishes to the Mushroom Feast. If you have a favorite dish—even if it's not mushrooms—sign up and bring it along!

Foray Donations are Coming In

THE ANNUAL WPMC Raffle/Auction is a fun way to raise money for WPMC. Our members have already donated cookbooks and field guides, photos and artwork, plus lots of mushroom stuff for the house. Tickets will again be priced at "2 chances for \$1," so bring along a few bucks and join in. All proceeds benefit WPMC.

(Photos by Cecily Franklin)

Election of 2019 Officers

AT THE OCTOBER MEETING, WPMC members will have the opportunity to elect next year's Board of Directors. In accordance with our Bylaws, WPMC has appointed a Nominating Committee to develop a list of candidates for next year's Officers. The Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of candidates:

- President – Cecily Franklin
- Vice President – Fluff Berger
- Secretary – Adam Haritan
- Treasurer – Barbara DeRiso
- NAMA Trustee – La Monte Yarroll

Additional nominations can be made by WPMC members at the October meeting. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, please email Past-President Richard Jacob at: site-admin@wpamushroomclub.org.

2018 Photo Contest:

- Deadline: September 30, 2018
- You must be a member of the WPMC in good standing
- Maximum of 5 entries per WPMC member
- Submit high resolution JPEG files up to 4 megabytes
- Email entries to Rebecca Miller at rmiller.fungi@gmail.com

ENTRY DIVISIONS

PICTORIAL: Single photos that illustrate the beauty and variety of fungi in form and color. 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.

DOCUMENTARY: Single photos 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. 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 primarily be 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.

Subject material for Pictorial and Documentary: Organisms from the *Myxomycota* (slime molds) and the classes *Basidiomycetes* and *Ascomycetes* of the *Eumycota* ("true fungi") 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. They will be accompanied by photographer's name (on the same page or caption of the image). WPMC will not allow the use of your photographs on other websites, although 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.

2018 Meeting Schedule

MEETINGS ARE HELD at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month from March through November at Beechwood Farms (Audubon Society of Western PA), 614 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. All monthly meetings are free and include a Mushroom Display Table, staffed by expert Identifiers.

September 18 Foraging for Photos with Josh Doty

Just in time to motivate us to enter WPMC's annual Photo Contest, Josh Doty will share some of his unique mushroom photography.



visit: <http://www.foragingforphotos.com>



October 16 Photo Contest Winners & Election of Officers

(See slate of candidates above left.)

November 20 Pot Luck Dinner & Member Photos

The final WPMC meeting of the year on November 20 will include our traditional Pot Luck dinner and member photos.

For the Pot Luck, bring something for 6-8 people. It does not need to be mushroom related but, if so, please use only cultivated mushrooms. The categories are: Appetizers, Salads, Hot Dishes, Cold Plates, Casseroles, Desserts, anything you want—be creative. WPMC will provide soft drinks, plates, dinnerware, napkins, and take-home boxes.

If you would like to bring a set of photos for the Open Forum, please bring no more than 15 pictures for a short presentation on a flash (thumb) drive. JPG format is preferred. The photos don't need to be in PowerPoint; just the pictures will also work. Topics may include mushrooms, vacations, hobbies, etc. Let's see what you're doing in your life (no politics, please). You may narrate your photos or just let them run through without descriptions, using the built-in software.



The Beginner's Corner



by Dick Dougall

IF YOU ARE GOING to consider eating some of the gilled mushrooms you find, you absolutely need to recognize the ones which might be *Amanitas*. *Amanitas* are in a big mushroom genus. It has some edibles, some poisonous, some hallucinogenic, and some DEADLY mushrooms in it. We also find many which are of unknown edibility. Michael Kuo on his website indicates the magnitude of the problem by giving a key for identifying 113 different *Amanitas*, which is only a fraction of the genus.

When I first joined WPMC and went on walks, I often saw the Blusher, *Amanita rubescens*, which is one of the edibles. I felt confident that I could reliably identify it. However, I did not consider eating it. I focused on safer edibles like oysters, chanterelles, hens, and chicken mushrooms.

As I gained more experience, I learned to recognize other *Amanitas*. Two of these are white *Amanitas* with very prominent volvas (the cup at the base of the stem): *Amanita verosa* AKA *Amanita bisporigera* and *Amanita vaginata v. alba*. *A. verosa* (the Destroying Angel) is a killer, while *A. vaginata* is considered edible. There are only a few obvious differences between these two mushrooms. Would you put your own life or your family's life on the line by eating a whitish *Amanita* that you found which someone said is *A. vaginata*? Check the field guides for the differences between these two *Amanitas*.

I now have more respect for the difficulties in identifying gilled mushrooms. Like the authors of the best field guides and most respected



mycologists, we say nobody should ever consider eating any *Amanitas*.

The following list gives the general characteristics of *Amanitas*:

- They have white spores
- Their gills are free from the stem
- They have some kind of features at the base of the stem, generally called a "volva"
- Most have a veil or ring on the stem

The "volva" feature is due to a "universal veil," which fully encloses the mushroom. As the mushroom grows, a tough universal veil leaves a cup on the bottom of the stem. Weaker universal veils leave a variety of patches, spots, warts, etc. on the cap. The same goes for the forms of the "volvas" at the base

of the stem; there are quite a few types. Beginners should examine the *Amanitas* found on our walks to get feel for these variations. Getting this feel for the appearance of *Amanitas* will take at least a full mushroom season and probably longer.

Every mushroomer should have some appreciation of how "Amanita Poisoning" attacks our bodies and the difficulty medical personnel have in keeping the person alive! There is a complete story by Richard Eshelman who ate the Destroying Angel, *A. verosa*, and lived. It is posted at this link: <http://blog.mycology.cornell.edu/2006/11/22/i-survived-the-destroying-angel/>

WPMC Names New Identifier and Awards More ID Buttons



WPMC members Patty Houck and Stephen Moll (not pictured) were recognized for knowing 50 mushrooms.

Josh Doty received both a "150" pin and an Identifier pin from Dick Dougall at the August meeting, becoming WPMC's newest Identifier.

WPMC member Heather Moyer received a "25" ID Button and Sigrig Rochte received her "10" pin from Dick Dougall at the August meeting.

Photos by Kristine Murawski

TO LEARN MORE about the ID Button program and how to submit your list of known mushrooms to Dick Dougall, go to: <http://wpamushroomclub.org/about/button-id-program/>





We Were All Beginners Once

by Cecily Franklin

AT ONE OF MY FIRST WPMC meetings, I brought a photo of some mushrooms which I found on my property. I showed the picture to WPMC Identifier Jack Baker, who asked me, “What did it look like underneath?” And I thought, “How should I know? It was on the ground!” To understand why we’re always being asked that question, check out this photo by Josh Doty.

Editor’s Note: If you have a funny true story about early mistakes, email it to cs4wpmc@gmail.com. We may include it in a future newsletter, and you may choose to remain anonymous.



WPMC Mycologist in the News

JENNIE GEISLER, a food writer for the *Erie Times-News*, contacted WPMC in July regarding an article she was writing on exotic mushrooms. Jennie was looking for a local expert who might agree to an interview or mushroom walk. WPMC Mycologist Garrett Taylor, who lives near the PA/NY border, agreed to meet with Jennie. After a “lovely walk” at Woodcock Creek, she wrote two articles which prominently featured Garrett.

To read Jennie’s August 1 article, “Mushrooms Popping Up Everywhere” go to:

<http://www.goerie.com/lifestyle/20180801/jennie-geisler-mushrooms-popping-up-everywhere>

For Jennie’s August 5 article, “Erie’s Mushroom Kingdom: Exotic Mushrooms Abound” visit:

<http://www.goerie.com/news/20180805/eries-mushroom-kingdom-exotic-mushrooms-abound>

WPMC Mycologist
Garrett Taylor

WPMC Members Share Their Expertise at Telluride Mushroom Fest



WPMC Mycologist John
Plischke III at the Telluride
Mushroom Fest. Photo by
Kim Plischke

WPMC MYCOLOGISTS JOHN and Kim Plischke gave many presentations on a wide range of topics at this year’s Telluride Mushroom Fest on August 16-19. John’s topics included:

- Fungi on Fungi: Mushrooms that Grow on Other Mushrooms
- Confessions of an Underground Researcher: How to Access Mycological Literature for FREE
- Edible and Noteworthy Mushrooms—and Their Lookalikes (demo with Britt Bunyard)
- Mycology in the Molecular Biology Era...For Beginners and Citizen Scientists (panel discussion)
- Book Signing (with Tradd Cotter)

In addition, Kim gave a workshop on paper making—from mushrooms! WPMC is fortunate—and proud—to have so much expertise in our Club.

WPMC Walks & Presentations

ALL WALKS ARE ON SATURDAYS, beginning at 10 a.m., unless noted otherwise. Please read carefully for any registration requirements or fees. We're always adding new walks to the WPMC website: <http://wpamushroomclub.org/events/> so check back often for updates, directions, and much more!

WPMC Walks

Sept 8 3:00 p.m. Riverview Park, North Side

Meet WPMC Mycologist Jim Tunney at the Riverview Park Activities Building for an afternoon mushroom walk as part of the first RP Day. WPMC members Valerie Baker and Barbara DeRiso will also host a table. The full event is free and runs from noon to 5:00 p.m. Formed largely from farmland, this 259-acre park is known for its wooded trails and dramatically steep hillsides.

<https://cdn2.hubspot.net/hubfs/415693/Assets/docs/riverview-letter.pdf>

Sept 14 Friday, 9:00 a.m. Cook Forest, Clarion County

Meet WPMC Mycologist Garrett Taylor and Dale Luthringer, Environmental Education Specialist with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, at Shelter #1 for a pre-Foray mushroom walk.

Sept 22 Sewickley Heights Borough Park

Meet WMC Identifier Fluff Berger in the parking lot of Sewickley Heights Borough Park.

Oct 13 Pleasant Valley Park with Friends of Murrysville Parks

Join WPMC and Pia van de Venne, President of FOMP and Volunteer Coordinator of Murrysville Parks. NOTE: No plants or animals are allowed to be taken out of the park.

Other Walks & Forays

Sept 8 9:00-2:30 p.m. Mohican State Forest, Perrysville, OH

Meet WPMC Identifier Josh Doty at the picnic tables by the Gorge Overlook at 8:45 a.m. and begin the hike around 9:00 a.m. Feel free to come after 9:00 a.m., but we may already be on one of the trails in the State Forest. You can hike with the group or individually. We will meet back at the picnic tables by the Gorge Overlook at 2:30 p.m. in order to share our finds with the group. No cost and all are welcome! For a map to the specific meeting location:

<https://goo.gl/maps/SBhMm6DW6j72>

Sept 15 North Park, Gary Lincoff Memorial Foray

See page 2 for more information.

Sept 27-30 NAMA Regional Wildacres Foray, North Carolina

<http://www.wildacres.org/workshops/septemberevents.html#name>

Sept 28-30 Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club

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

Oct 6-7 Ohio Mushroom Society, Hiram, Ohio

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

Oct 11-14 NAMA Annual Foray

Salem, Oregon: <https://www.namyco.org/events.php>



Important Walk & Foray Information

- 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. If you have a tendency to wander off, stick like glue to the others. We won't wait for you, and we won't come to look for you.
- Don't take the identification of the person standing next to you; they might not know as much as you do. Only Club Mycologists and Identifiers should be used for advice.
- The Walk Leader will tell you when to be back at the walk starting place, where the mushrooms will be put on paper plates and the Walk Identifier or Club Mycologist will put names on only the mushrooms they know well.
- Take notes and pictures to help you remember the mushrooms. You should go home and check books yourself.
- Whether you decide to eat a mushroom is ultimately your responsibility alone.
- **Help Keep Our Parks Clean!** When mushrooming, it's easy to bring a plastic grocery bag to collect cans, bottles or other trash you find. Trash cans are generally found nearby. If not, take it home for disposal.

Walks & Forays Check List:

- Bring a buddy or two. **Do not forage alone!**
- Dress for the weather, carry a rain poncho
- Bring drinking water and lunch
- Keep mushrooms separated
- Insect repellent
- Basket for collecting
- Knife for cutting mushrooms
- Wax or paper bags (no plastic)
- Whistle
- Compass
- Hand lens
- Cell phone & camera
- Notebook & pencil
- Field guide for identification
- Band-aids
- Garden hand-clippers

NOTE: 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.

WPMC ADMINISTERS an annual Scholarship/Grant program to promote wild mushrooming by providing monetary support for educational events, projects, research, or mycological studies by individuals or institutions. WPMC's Scholarship/Grant application forms are available on our website and must be sponsored by a WPMC member. For more information, contact John Stuart at jons2art@comcast.net or 724-443-6878.

Extra 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, Barbara DeRiso.

WPMC Membership Report

By Jim Wasik

THANKS TO EVERYONE who has joined or renewed for 2018. Currently we have 645 members for this year. This is still short of our 2017 banner membership year of 761; however, we still have time to go. Please remind your friends, relatives and neighbors to join or renew. Membership applications are at the end of the newsletter and on-line at: www.wpamushroomclub.org/join.

Membership Benefits include:

- Nine Meetings with Mushroom Display & Identification, Sales Table, and Refreshments
- Mushroom Cultivation Kit to Members Attending the May Meeting
- Five WPMC Newsletters
- Advance Announcements of Mushroom Walks and Events
- Member Photography Contest
- Annual Gary Lincoff Foray (WPMC membership required for registration)

Dues remain unchanged for 2018:

- Individual - \$15
- Family - \$20 (same household)
- Student / Educator - \$10
- \$5 surcharge to receive a hard copy Newsletter



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18TH ANNUAL GARY LINCOFF MUSHROOM FORAY

SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 • ROSE BARN, NORTH PARK

PLUS: FREE MUSHROOM WALK FRIDAY, SEPT. 14 • COOK FOREST

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Saturday, September 15: Foray includes light lunch & mushroom feast. (Registration required)
Rose Barn in Allegheny County North Park, Pearce Mill Road, Allison Park, PA 15101
Friday, September 14: Cook Forest State Park, Clarion County (Free)

Indicate the number of persons for each item selected. All fees per person. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

_____ \$35 WPMC member _____ \$55 Non-members (includes admission & 2018-19 WPMC Membership)
 _____ \$15 Students (with ID) & children 11 to 18. Children 10 & under free.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____

E-mail (**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**) _____

REGISTER & PAY ONLINE: <http://wpamushroomclub.org/lincoff-foray/>

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

WPMC C/O Barbara DeRiso • 204 Woodcock Dr. • Pittsburgh PA 15215

FOR MORE INFO: Barbara DeRiso, Foray Chair: 412-252-2594 / Lincoff-Foray@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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 3 _____ 3 _____
 4 _____ 4 _____

FOR ADDITIONAL NAMES / SIGNATURES, PLEASE INCLUDE AN EXTRA PAGE



WPMC MEMBERSHIP FORM

2018

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

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

Members are entitled to:

The WPMC newsletter • Nine monthly WPMC meetings • Free participation in WPMC walks • Discount for WPMC forays

Name (s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____

E-mail (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) _____

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

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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 Jim Wasik, 70 Woodland Farms Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238 e-mail contact: membership@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 (\$5 additional)

\$15 Individual \$20 Family \$10 Full-time Student \$5 Newsletter Hardcopy Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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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