

Sonoma County Mycological Association

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SOMA CAMP GENERAL INFORMATION



PARKING: Parking attendants will provide directions when you reach the main lodge parking area. Please do not park in areas immediately around the lodge. They are reserved for handicapped attendees and for deliveries. It is recommended that you place a card with your name and phone number on the dashboard of your car. We have had the need to identify a car owner due incident like a falling tree or emergencies where we needed vehicles moved. When you park, please also be sure to park off the roadways, leaving at least 14-feet of roadway space to allow for cars to pass and emergency vehicle access.

REGISTRATION: Important! Registration is Saturday 8 am – 12 pm. As soon as you have arrived, please check-in at the Main Lodge registration desk. Here you will receive your nametag and cabin assignment (if staying onsite).

SCHEDULE: To be more environmentally friendly, we do not print copies of the camp schedule. It can be found online at: <https://www.somamushrooms.org/camp/schedule/index.php>. A schedule will be posted in the main lodge. If you want a copy for yourself, be sure to print it out and bring a copy with you to camp or save it to your smart phone for reference (if you have one).

CLASSES: A complete schedule of events is included in your registration. Classes will begin on Saturday morning at 9:00 am (so give yourself time to check in). Note that some classes are pre-registration only. For those classes, please go online now to <http://www.somamushrooms.org/camp/schedule/index.php> check availability and pre-register there. There may still be limited spaces available in the Fiber Arts and Mushroom Dye workshops. Please sign up online to ensure your spot if you are interested.

PRE-REGISTRATION AT CAMP: There are other classes that require pre-registration at camp. These are noted on the schedule and are mostly fiber arts, cultivation and microscopy, as well as most forays. To see what pre-registration classes you are registered for, go to: <https://www.somamushrooms.org/camp/registration/myclasslist.php>, enter your registration number and email address. If for any reason you cannot access this or have questions, contact the SOMA Camp Registrar at: somaregistrar@somamushrooms.org.

FORAYS: Foray group sizes will be limited. There will be several forays of varying length on Saturday, and more on Sunday. Be prepared to carpool for offsite forays. Most forays assemble on the front deck of the main lodge unless otherwise noted on the schedule.

MEALS: Meals will be provided from Saturday lunch, through Monday lunch. Please note that Sunday is a boxed lunch that you must collect between 8:30 – 10 am in the Main. Hall. SOMA's Head Chef, Jennifer Levine and her wonderful kitchen aides will provide a delightful Saturday night dinner and a team of Chefs will be providing a fabulous feast on Sunday!

RV's AND CAMPING VEHICLES: There is plenty of flat area to park (RVs in the basketball courts or Chapel parking area). There are no hookups or dump facilities. There is no discount for staying in a vehicle. No pets!

DIRECTIONS: The SOMA Camp is being held at the CYO McGucken Center, 2136 Bohemian Highway, located between the small towns of Freestone and Occidental, in western Sonoma County. It is about a 90-minute drive north of San Francisco. It is just north of the Salmon Creek School. The office number at Camp is 707-874-0210.

TELEPHONE/INTERNET: The phone number at the CYO Camp office is 707-874-0210. However, the office is not always staffed. Cell phone coverage may be spotty and undependable and there is no camp internet coverage.

NAMETAGS: Nametags will be given to all campers upon check-in at Camp. You must wear your nametag on the grounds. If you lose your nametag, you will be requested to go to registration to get a new one.

NO PETS ARE ALLOWED! This is the strict policy of the CYO Camp. This SPECIFICALLY INCLUDES no dogs in cars, vans or motor homes. Anyone seen with a pet at Camp will be asked to leave. Please, no exceptions!

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CYO IS A PEANUT FREE FACILITY. This is the strict policy of the CYO Camp which hosts children at other times of the year. Please observe this rule fastidiously.



SOMA CAMP ITEMS TO BRING (NECESSARY):

- Flashlight with good batteries.
- Plenty of warm clothes, warm hat, gloves or mittens, scarf-prepare to dress in layers
- Rain gear, umbrella (hopefully unneeded) – prepare for rain and hope for sunshine! • Sturdy walking shoes and/or rubber boots
- Watch
- Pocketknife
- Basket with handle for collecting mushrooms or bags with handles
- Drinking water container
- Mask (N95 or equivalent is recommended)

Optional for All Guests:

- Walking or mushroom probing stick
- Compass
- Favorite whistle (we will have whistles to hand out)
- Wax paper bags for keeping mushrooms organized in basket
- Mushroom cleaning brush
- Field guides, note pad & pen
- Camera, photo equipment, film
- Daypack or hip pack
- UV flashlight for evening UV forays around the lodge
- Wool silk, mohair, alpaca or hemp plus nylon & rayon, if taking a dye class
- Hand-held multi-channel radios (“Talkabout” / “walkie-talkie” style – if you have one, bring it along)
- Fingernail brush for post-foray dirty nails
- Favorite snacks
- Hot beverage mug
- Wine glass/beer mug (or buy one of our SOMA glasses)
- Spending money – mushroom books, T shirts, posters, cards, silent auction, and more will be for sale. There will be several vendors with tables in the main lodge.

For those of you staying overnight in cabins ~~~

IF STAYING IN ONSITE CABINS:

- **[Sleeping bag or bedding w/blankets, pillow – Important!](#)**
- Towel, wash cloth, personal toiletries (very little available locally)
- Footwear for your cabin
- Earplugs and eye-mask if you are a light sleeper (possible snoring cabin mates? We will hope not, but just in case...)

LODGING: Lodging is in shared, comfy heated cabins with centrally located group bathrooms and showers. **You will need to bring a sleeping bag or bedding.** The cabins are all recently built with hardwood floors and wooden upper/lower bunk beds. There are personal cubbies and room on the upper bunks for gear. You can park your vehicle close to most of the cabins (please be sure not to block the roadway to allow for emergency vehicles). Each cabin is one big open room. Campers will be requested to keep possible mud and wetness confined to the outside covered porches. Bring slippers or light footwear for inside the cabins. If it has been raining, it can be muddy at camp.

QUESTIONS? email to: somaregistrar@somamushrooms.org