

Sonoma County Mycological Association

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!

SOMA CAMP 2015 ITEMS TO BRING

NECESSARY FOR OVERNIGHT GUESTS:

Sleeping bag or bedding with blankets and pillow

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!

Towel, wash cloth, personal toiletries (very little available locally)

Sturdy walking shoes and/or rubber boots

Footwear for your cabin

Earplugs and mask if you are a light sleeper (possible snoring cabin mates? We will hope not, but just in case...)

NECESSARY FOR ALL GUESTS:

Flashlight (for walking the grounds at night)

OPTIONAL FOR ALL GUESTS:

Water bottle

Walking or mushroom probing stick

Flashlight

Compass

Favorite whistle (we will have whistles to hand out)

Watch

Pocketknife

Basket with handles for collecting mushrooms or bags with handles

Wax paper bags for keeping mushrooms organized in basket (we'll have some, too)

Mushroom cleaning brush

Field guides, note pad & pen

Hand-held multi-channel radios ("Talkabout" style – if you have one, bring it along)

Fingernail brush for post-foray dirty nails

Photo equipment

Daypack or hip pack

Prong truffle rake or small garden claw, necessary for the truffle foray

Wool silk, mohair, alpaca or hemp plus nylon & rayon, if taking a dye class

Towel, mat and yoga belt if taking stretch class with Rachel Zierdt on Sunday

Favorite snacks

Hot beverage mug

Spending money – mushroom books, t-shirts and more will be for sale.

QUESTIONS? 707-823-1376 between 10am and 9pm Pacific time or email to: somacampinfo@SOMAMushrooms.org

FRIDAY NIGHT LODGING? – CYO is willing to accommodate people who want to arrive on Friday. Please make arrangements with CYO directly by calling 707-874-0210. The charge is \$35 per person – lodging only. Also, please contact the SOMAreistrar@somamushrooms.org for your cabin assignment so that you won't have to change cabins for Saturday and Sunday. Note that meals are not provided on Friday or Saturday breakfast.

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SOMA CAMP 2015 GENERAL INFORMATION

PARKING: There is plenty of onsite parking. Parking attendants will give you a map of the grounds with parking directions when you reach the main lodge parking area. Parking attendants are only staffed Saturday morning. If you have questions about where your cabin is or where to park, check in with the registration/information desk in the main lodge upon arrival.

REGISTRATION: Registration opens at 8am. As soon as you have arrived and parked, first thing please check-in at the Main Lodge registration desk. Here you will receive your I.D. badge, cabin assignment (if staying onsite) and camp packet (unless you have already printed it). Your I.D. badge should be worn at all times outside of your cabin during your stay.

CLASSES: A complete schedule of events is included in your registration. Classes will begin on Saturday morning at 9:00 am. Note that some classes are by pre-registration only. For those classes, please go online now to <http://www.somamushrooms.org/camp/2015/schedule.php> check availability and pre-register there. The column on the right states if there is pre-registration necessary and if the status is waitlist or still available as pre-registration. There are still 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 cultivation and microscopy as well as forays (see next). Look for the table and sign at camp for these registration sign-ups. These are on a first come first serve basis. You may want to get here early!

FORAYS: Foray group sizes will be limited. There will be several forays of varying length on Saturday, more on Sunday. **ACTUAL FORAY TIMES & LOCATIONS WILL BE DISCLOSED AT CAMP** (in Camper packets and at the Foray Table). After registration, please check at the Foray Table in the Main Lodge to sign up for foray(s) of your choice. Special –interest forays will include one oriented to Mushroom Cultivation, one for Lichens, one for Truffles and one for beginners. Be prepared to carpool for offsite forays.

INTEREST TRACKS: This year we have tried to schedule a series of classes so that campers with specific interests could pursue them. We call these tracks. They are by no means exclusive, but this stream of classes has been scheduled so that campers who are focused on a particular aspect of camp can find seminars that don't have conflicting times. Any class is open to any camper (unless it is pre-registered). You don't need to stay on one track, and there are no restrictions if you just want to jump from one track to another. This is your time to have fun picking and choosing. There are tracks for beginners, fiber arts, cultivation, culinary, taxonomy and medicinal.

MEALS: Meals will be provided from **Saturday lunch** through Monday lunch. SOMA's amazing Chef, Julie Schreiber and her kitchen aides will provide an incredible Saturday night dinner in addition to our fabulous Sunday feast!

For those of you staying overnight ~~

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 designer bunks. Usually the cabins are only half full, so no one needs to be in an upper bunk. There are personal cubbies and room on the upper bunks for gear. You can park your vehicle close to most of the cabins. 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. Link to venue: <http://www.cyocamp.org/retreatcenter/facilities.html>

BATHROOMS: Bathrooms are NOT attached to cabins and are heated, but chilly. Bathrooms/showers are independent structures and you will be walking outside to get to them.

RV's AND CAMPING VEHICLES: There is plenty of flat area to park. There are no hookups or dump facilities. There is no discount for staying in a vehicle. *No pets!* See note on previous page.

DIRECTIONS: The SOMA Camp is being held at the CYO Retreat 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. For full details, see accompanying attached map and directions. The office number at Camp is 707-874-0210.

TELEPHONES: The phone number at the CYO Camp office is 707-874-0210. However the office is not always staffed. There are two pay phones at camp: one at the Main Lodge and one at a second building called Harriman Hall. Give these numbers to anyone who may need to contact you at Camp. The Main Lodge is 707-874-9903 and Harriman Hall is 707-874-9904. If you wish to make calls from Camp, bring change (there isn't anywhere to obtain change) or a pre-paid calling card. **Cell phone coverage may be spotty and undependable.**

I.D BADGES: Nametags will be given to all campers upon check-in at Camp. We ask you to always wear your nametag on the grounds. Displaying our names will help us to get to know each other while assisting staff in identifying registered campers. Thank you so much!