



Oregon Mycological Society

Established 1949

Are you a mycophile? (*my-co-phile: a devotee of mushrooms; especially one whose hobby is hunting wild edible mushrooms*)

Founded in 1949, the Oregon Mycological Society is dedicated to:

- studying, collecting and identifying fungi
- educating members and the public about fungi
- promoting health and safety in the gathering and consumption of fungi

Fungi enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels are invited to join OMS. Members share an interest in the study and identification of edible and non-edible mushrooms as well as other fungi-related pursuits such as cookery, cultivation, gardening and crafts.

OMS Membership Fees

Initial membership:

- \$30 per person
- \$35 per family (two adults at the same address and children under 18)
- \$25 for full-time students and seniors (62+)

Annual renewal:

- \$20 per person
- \$25 per family
- \$16 for full-time students and seniors (62+)

New members joining after September 1st will be paid up through the end of the following calendar year.

To join OMS, complete and mail the application form. The application includes a Liability Release and Promise Not to Sue form that must be signed by all the adults joining OMS.

The information requested on the application form will be used exclusively by the OMS. The information you provide is necessary to provide you with information on activities. We will never sell or give any of your personal information to anyone outside the OMS.

To facilitate communication within the organization, an annual membership roster is available only to members on our website. If there is any personal information that you would like to exclude from the roster, please include a note on your application or email join@wildmushrooms.org after you submit your application.

Link to the Oregon Mycological Society public website at www.wildmushrooms.org. Members can log in for additional resources.

Questions? Email join@wildmushrooms.org.

OMS Activities

Field Trips

Held in the fall and spring, field trips are exclusively for OMS members. Conducted by volunteers from within the OMS, trips are subject to weather and hunting conditions. Most field trips are held on weekends, but occasional weekday trips are available. Field trip leaders generally arrange a meeting location, gather the group for preliminary instructions, and suggest locations for participants to hunt. At a pre-arranged time, the field trip leader and participants gather together to identify the mushrooms collected. Participants are responsible for their own safety during the hunt and for any mushrooms they choose to consume.

Mycology Camps

Each year, the society hosts two mycology camps—one in the fall on the Oregon coast, and the other in the spring in the Cascades. In recent years, mycology camps have been held at camps offering comfortable indoor accommodations, group meals, and roomy facilities. Every effort is made to keep the costs affordable for individuals and families. Although hunting conditions vary from year to year, we can guarantee fun, learning opportunities and camaraderie at the fall and spring camps.

Monthly Meetings

OMS meetings feature guest lectures by mycologists, researchers, chefs and workshop leaders on a variety of mushroom-related topics. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month except July and December, in the Forest Discovery Center, Cheatham Hall, 4033 SW Canyon Road, Portland, Oregon. Cheatham Hall is across the street from Washington Park Station on the MAX Red Line, near the Zoo. The January Survivors' Banquet is held at an alternate location.

Classes

Beginners and experienced fungi enthusiasts benefit from classes held prior to monthly meetings. Seasonal specimens provided by the instructor and attendees are identified and discussed. Pre-meeting classes begin at 6:30 p.m. and are for members only. Beginner and intermediate classes are also offered.

Fall Mushroom Show

Held the third Sunday in October, the OMS Fall Mushroom Show is the premier OMS event for the community. Members collect edible and non-edible Pacific Northwest mushroom specimens for the display tables. Setup begins on Saturday with fungi displays arranged early on Sunday morning for a noon opening. Cultivation kits, books, crafts and art are displayed and sold at the show. Member participation is essential for the success of the Fall Show. No identification skills are necessary. All it takes is a willingness to dig in and do what needs to be done.

Committees and Special Interest Groups

The OMS has special interest groups and committees dedicated to subject areas including identification, cultivation, toxicology, microscopy and cookery. These groups and committees hold their own meetings and activities, and are open to all OMS members.

Volunteer, Leadership and Community Outreach Opportunities

As with any active organization, there is a lot of work to do behind the scenes. Members who enjoy getting involved and welcome the challenge can find many ways to participate or apply specialized skills. If you have an interest or skill, there will be an opportunity to use it in OMS.

Oregon Mycological Society Membership Application

Name: _____

Email: _____

Additional Adult (same address) on Family Membership: _____

Email for Additional Adult: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip + 4: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Publish my contact information in the OMS roster: _____ Yes _____ No

Please send me the OMS newsletter *Mushrumors* via: _____ Email _____ US Postal Service

Membership Category: (Please check one.)

_____ \$30 per person

_____ \$35 per family (two adults at the same address and children under 18)

_____ \$25 for full-time students and seniors (62+)

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Please read the **Liability Release and Promise Not to Sue** form on the following page. **All the adults joining OMS are required to sign this form annually.**

The Oregon Mycological Society is a non-profit, volunteer organization. The success of the organization depends on hardworking members and leadership from within the organization.

Please check all areas and activities of interest to you. You may be contacted by an OMS member concerning participation in a special interest group or committee.

_____ Conservation

_____ Cookery

_____ Cultivation

_____ Dyeing

_____ Fall Show

_____ Field Trips

_____ Mycology Camps in the Spring & Fall

_____ Identification (including microscopy)

_____ Leadership

_____ Library and Book Sales

_____ Newsletter

_____ Toxicology

_____ Website

Oregon Mycological Society Liability Release and Promise Not to Sue

I understand there is some risk in participating in a mycology camp, field trip or other activity — all those risks one assumes by being away from home, risks associated with moving about in fields and woods, risks involved in eating wild mushrooms, risks of losing personal property by theft or misplacement, and all other expected and unexpected risks.

In joining OMS or registering for or attending any OMS mycology camp, field trip or other activity, I agree to assume total responsibility during an event for my own safety and well-being and that of any minor children under my care, and for the protection of my and their personal property.

I release The Oregon Mycological Society (OMS), its directors, officers, volunteers, contractors, and all other persons assisting in the planning and presentation of an OMS mycology camp, field trip or other activity from liability for any sickness, injury, or loss, I, or any minor children under my care, may suffer during an OMS mycology camp, field trip or other activity or as a result of attending or participating. I further promise not to file a lawsuit or make a claim against any of the persons listed above, even if they negligently cause me or any minor children under my care injury or loss.

Finally, I agree to hold The Oregon Mycological Society harmless from any liability it may incur as a result of any damage to any property I may cause. This release and promise is part of the consideration I give in order to participate in an OMS mycology camp, field trip or other activity. I understand it affects my legal rights. I intend it to apply not only to me but to anyone who may have the right to make a claim on my behalf.

This liability release and promise not to sue remains in effect until revoked. All adults in a family membership are required to sign this waiver.

_____ Signature	_____ Print Name	_____ Date
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Make checks payable to Oregon Mycological Society and mail application and release to:

Oregon Mycological Society
PO Box 66034
Portland, OR 97290

OMS membership is effective upon receipt of this paid application form and signed release.