

COWICHAN LAKE FORAY – OCTOBER 22 - 24, 2021

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

There have been a few changes to the Cowichan Foray in since our last foray in 2019.

- 1) The new location is “Cowichan Lake – Conference and Education Centre” (aka Cowichan Lake Education and Resource Centre)
- 2) The accommodation layout, consist of 4 building, 2 with private facilities, 2 dormitory style with shared facilities. Plus the “Great Hall” for eating and socializing and a separate conference room for mushroom sorting and display.
- 3) Covid protocols regarding non essential business, activities and social gatherings. (Foray for 2020 was cancelled due to Covid restrictions)

See attached **2021 SVIMS Cowichan Lake Foray- Registration Form** for both the Weekend and Day participants. This form outlines the information and fee structure for participation. Please complete a separate form for each participant and email it to Kurt Raeder at: svims.treasurer@gmail.com. OR mail it to the address on the form. Payment can be made by cheque (Payee: “South Vancouver Island Mycological Society”) or e- transfer to the email noted previously (use password “Foray21”). The registration cut off date for this event is Saturday, October 9, 2021. Sorry no PayPal payment processing at this time.

Once registered, the email you provided will be used to communicate more details closer to the date of the Foray.

Overview of Lake Cowichan Foray

Have fun exploring one of the many natural fir forested areas on the shores of beautiful Lake Cowichan. Expert led forays tour a variety of trails around the Lake Cowichan area and on the 44 acre outdoor property of the Cowichan Lake Conference and Education Centre/Lake View Park. Leads and assistants take morning and afternoon forays, looking for the most weird and wonderful fungi to bring back to be identified by experts. Novices and those more experienced, will then also be able to learn about and consult with knowledgeable SVIMS members, on how to collect and identify fungi

Covid Protocols are still with us and SVIMS must comply, as this event is deemed a non essential activity. All participants will require wearing face masks, especially in the indoor activities, when social distancing is not an option,. Also participants will need to confirm that they have been fully vaccinated for the Covid virus. Room sharing has been limited to a maximum of 2 people per room who know each other. (See below- Accommodation - for more detail). At this time food will be plated, cafeteria style eg. Staff will put food on your plate as you pass the various food stations. Also due to Covid Protocols, there may be a need to limit the number of participants for this event. So please register early and if possible share a room and enjoy the savings available. If Covid Protocols require the cancelling of this event, your registration fee will be refunded.

Accommodation

The facility is comprised of a “Great Hall” combining the kitchen and eating area and used for social gathering in the evening. It comes with a piano and fireplace. The remaining complex is comprised of four buildings; 2 - containing separate rooms with their own bathrooms and 2 – dormitories - rooms

provide privacy but there is a common washroom for each building. One dormitory will house lady participants and the second will house men participants.

Please note that none of the rooms in the 4 facilities have a cooking or fridge facility. If you are bringing food for your own consumption please ensure you store it properly.

Weekend Participants:

The Weekend fee includes 2 nights accommodation (Friday & Saturday); 2 breakfasts(Saturday & Sunday), 1 dinner (Saturday) and 1 lunch (Saturday). All bedding and linens are provided. There is Wifi on site and good cellphone reception.

The Kitchen will try to accommodate various eating allergies and preferences. So please insure you complete the registration form if applicable.

The two buildings (9 Plex & Carmanah; total of 13 rooms) provide 2 single beds per room and a private bathroom. The fee structure for these rooms reflect the privacy aspect. A few rooms will be available for single use only; \$275/participant but there is a reduced fee if participants are willing to share one of these rooms (with spouse, significant other or friend) only; \$255/participant. Please indicate on your registration form who you will be sharing with as well as a separate registration form for that participant. SVIMS will not assign participants for sharing. Both participants must be members of SVIMS.

Dormitory buildings (Dorm 1 & Dorm 2) have 5 rooms each with a shared/common washroom. The washrooms have 3 private showers and 3 toilets. The dorm rooms are comprised of multiple bunk beds but we are limiting occupancy to no more than 2 participants per room and using a few rooms as singles only. The fee structure for these rooms reflect the shared washroom but also provide options for a single room. Separate room no sharing (only 2 rooms per dorm), \$235/participant and 2 sharing a room (only 3 rooms per dorm), \$220/participant. Please indicate on your registration form who you will be sharing with as well as a separate registration form for that participant. SVIMS will not assign participants for sharing. Both participants must be members of SVIMS.

Day Participants:

This option allows for SVIMS members to attend the main Saturday portion of the foray including the morning and the afternoon foray sessions. The morning session starts about 8:30 AM and the afternoon about 1:00 PM and goes till about 3 PM. The fee is \$30/participant.

There is also the option for the day participants to prepay for a hot lunch (\$25/participant) This allows for an opportunity to discuss the mornings forage findings and socialize with some of the other members and experts. If you select this option please complete the registration form indicating any food allergies you might have.

If the hot lunch is not for you, the day participants can also bring their own lunch and eat in the Great Hall.

Social Time

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT COW CAFÉ: Let us know if you are planning to attend the dinner. Dinner usually starts about 5:30 pm and goes to about 7 pm as participants will be arriving at different times due to work or personal commitments. This helps us arrange seating and ensure adequate restaurant

staffing. Applicable Covid protocols will apply. This meal is at your own expense. Address: 51 N. Shore Road; Lake Cowichan, BC.

EVENING SOCIAL: Friday and Saturday evenings provide the opportunity to meet with other participants in an informal setting, relate stories, experiences and perhaps sing a song or two. Bring your own preferred libation and snack food to enjoy and perhaps share with others. There are no common fridges so please ensure your food is properly stored. If you play a musical instrument, please bring along and share your talents.

9) **CONTACT INFORMATION:** Should you require additional information prior to this event, please contact Kurt Raeder at svims.treasurer@gmail.com .

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE !!