

## **COWICHAN FORAY 2023 INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM**

The Registration form reflects the information required from the Foray participants. It has changed slightly to allow for additional participants, room sharing, foray terrain accessibility and a half day on site workshop.

The quality of leaders and experts is as always, beyond reproach.

The Cowichan Foray (CF) will be headquartered on the same site as last year, the Cowichan Lake Education Centre (CLEC).

The Cowichan Valley area contains a variety of terrains conducive to providing a variety of fungi in their natural habitat. This often requires traversing fallen logs, rugged trails and inclines. The foray groups will be pre-assigned to accommodate as much diversity as possible for the participants.

BC Parks has again approved SVIMS access to the Gordon Bay Campgrounds, in order to collect fungi specimens for study and analysis. This area has a diverse terrain but more importantly is relatively level and easy access to the fungi world. This allows a safer location for participants, that might find traversing fallen trees, gullies, steep inclines etc. a bit too challenging. *(PLEASE INDICATE A BY CIRCULATING "YES" ON THE REGISTRATION FORM IF YOU PREFER SUCH A LOCATION).*

Also, if you are participating with a group of friends and want to be assigned with them, please indicate their last names on the Registration form in the space provided.

**General Overview of the CF events and activities:**

**FRIDAY – October 27**

**3:00 – 7:00 PM** - Arrival of weekend participants at CLEC site, check in; obtain room allocation.

**6:00 - ??** - Social time in Grand Hall – meet the other participants and leaders.

## **SATURDAY – October 28**

**8:00 – 8:30 AM** - Arrival of day participants at CLEC site and check in.

**8:30 – 11:30 AM** -All assemble into designated foray group, meet leaders and depart to foray area.

**8:30 – 12:00** - **WORKSHOP REGISTRANTS** – after assembly, workshop held in a conference room.

**11:30 – 12:00 PM** – Foray groups return to CLEC site and drop off fungi specimens at Carmanah Hall.

**1:00 – 4:00 PM** – All assemble into designated foray group, meet leaders and depart to foray area. *(Some participants have already been designated to assist the experts in identifying the morning fungi collection. Other participants can volunteer to work with this group also. This will occur in the Carmanah Hall)*

**3:30 – 4:30 PM** – Foray groups return to CLEC site and drop off fungi specimens at Carmanah Hall, browse the display tables of assembled fungi from the morning foray.

**4:30 – 5:00 PM** – Day participants depart.

**5:00 – 6:00 PM** – Dinner for the weekend participants in the Grand Hall.

**6:00 - ??** - Social time in Grand Hall – meet other participants and leaders.

## **SUNDAY – October 29**

**8:30 – 10:30 AM** – Assemble in the Carmanah Hall with the weekend participants and leaders to review, analyze and discussion fungi collected during Saturday's forays.

**10:30 – 11:00 AM** – Depart CLEC facility

## **FULL WEEKEND PARTICIPANTS**

A full weekend fee includes 2 nights of accommodation, 2 breakfasts, a lunch and a dinner. Complete the Food Allergy information box if this applies to you.

**Room Accommodation.** We will be offering the weekend participants some room sharing options. The reduced registration fee for each option reflects these savings.

There are a limited number of private single rooms. These rooms include two single beds and a private bathroom. A few of these single rooms will not

require sharing but the remainder are to be shared. The registration fees reflect the savings if sharing.

The two dorms are split between male and female participants. Each dorm has a common washroom. Each dorm has 5 rooms varying in size, essentially 3 that can accommodate up to 4 participants and 2 that can accommodate 6 – 8 participants. In order to provide a degree of privacy we will limit the smaller rooms to 2 participants and 4 to the larger rooms.

If you are participating with friends in the CF and want to share a dorm room with them, please indicate their last name in the “Share With” box of the registration form. If you want to share a dorm room but are not part of a group, please enter N/A in the “Shared With” box and we will assign you to an available room.

## **Social Time**

**FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT COW CAFÉ:** Let us know if you are planning to attend the dinner. This helps us arrange seating and ensure adequate restaurant staffing. 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 meal is at your own expense. Address: 51 N. Shore Road; Lake Cowichan, BC. **IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING, PLEASE CIRCLE “YES” ON THE REGISTRATION FORM.**

**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.

## **DAY PARTICIPANTS**

This option allows SVIMS members to attend the Saturday morning and the afternoon foray sessions. These forays provide the opportunity to experience

the terrain the fungi might be located in. The morning session starts at 8:30 AM and the afternoon session at 1:00 PM. The fee is \$60/participant.

In past, an option to order a separate hot lunch was made available to the Day Participants. This option is available for 2023 but the increased fee from CLEC is \$44/participant. If you select this option please circle the \$44 fee and include with your payment. Also, complete the “food allergy” section. In the past many Day Participants have brought their own lunch. All participants can eat their meals in the main cafeteria. This allows for dry conditions should it rain but also the opportunity to socialize with all participants and leaders.

### **HALF DAY WORKSHOP**

This morning workshop and presentation will be geared to beginners, in order to provide them the opportunity to identify and study the many fungi in the Pacific Northwest. Fungi samples will be available for handling and discussion. The participants will then be assigned to one of the afternoon Foray groups. This workshop will be taught by the SVIMS President, Melanie Hess. *The workshop is open to both Weekend and Day participants.* CIRCLE “YES” ON THE BOTTOM OF THE REGISTRATION FORM IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND.

### **PLEASE PROVIDE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT**

Registration fee payments can be made using e-transfers or cheques. Payments for multiple participants can be combined on one of these payment methods, but indicate on the registration form who the payment is for.

E-transfers can be emailed to [svims.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:svims.treasurer@gmail.com). Use Password “Foray23”.

Cheques can be mailed to: South Vancouver Island Mycological Society; c/o Kurt Raeder; 2071 Paul’s Terrace; Victoria, BC; V8N 2Z4. (Please use above email to notify treasurer that cheque is in the mail). Ensure cheque is made payable to “South Vancouver Island Mycological Society”.

**Unfortunately the Registration Form is not auto filled. Print a copy for each participant, complete with relevant information and email it to address above.**

**Registration and full payment to be received no later than October 16, 2023.**

**Registration fee not refundable after October 18, 2023.**

**If you have any questions, please contact SVIMS treasurer at the above email address.**