MUSHROOMING WORKSHOP
PROGRAM GOALS AND AGENDA

The goal of this workshop will be to give participants an opportunity to experience the basic operations and observations that are necessary for a practical approach to identification of wild mushrooms, using simple, inexpensive, and readily available tools.

The workshop will be divided into 3 parts, which will take about 1 hour to accomplish:
#1- Each participant will be provided with a sample of fresh mushroom tissue, with instructions for placing it on a spore print paper.
#2-. A number of freshly collected individually displayed specimens of what may, or may not, be fungi will be presented. Each participant will have a data recording sheet, and be asked to determine whether or not each specimen is a fungus, and/or to answer a question or 2 about certain characteristics of the specimen, making use of the magnifying loupes.
#3- A short PowerPoint presentation will cover the details of a fungus life cycle, which will integrate with the procedures that the workshop has entailed. The program will conclude with examination of the spore print paper, and a question and answer period.

Specimen #	Is it a fungus? Yes No	Is the label on the TOP? Or BOTTOM? Of the specimen	Does the specimen have GILLS? PORES? SPINES? On its spore producing surface	Can you give the specimen a name?
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