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## What's Happening and When!

**SIMA Meetings: 7:30 PM, Idaho Fish & Game Building,**  
Second Monday Trophy Room, 600 S Walnut, Boise, ID

## Forays Scheduled:

**Spring Foray,** May 25, 26, 27, 2012, Quaker Hill, Osprey Lodge, McCall, ID. Registration form at the end of this newsletter.

**Fall Foray,** Sept. 13, 14, 15, 16, 2012, Quaker Hill, Lakeside Lodge, McCall, ID.

## Spring Mushroom Identification Class Foray

April 28, Meet at 10 AM near Tully's parking lot in the south end of the shopping center at Gowen Rd and Federal Way. Bring collecting gear, water, a lunch and come prepared for the weather.

## Cambridge Area Morel Hunt late April, early May

Not currently scheduled. When and where depends on the amount of snow and runoff damage. We will scout the area and provide more information in April.

**Watch SIMA's Mushroom Blog** for up-to-the-date sighting information. Enter <http://idahomushrooms.blogspot.com> in your browser, type [Idahomushrooms@gmail.com](mailto:Idahomushrooms@gmail.com) in the username (e-mail) box. Type [sima2010](#) into the password box. Log in and check on Dashboard to make an entry.

## What's Fruiting Now: Flammulina and Oysters!

These came in to the February 13th meeting.



The mild weather has brought the winter mushrooms out earlier than in past years. SIMA also had two young visitors to the February meeting. We got a picture, but not the names. Our young girl scout was not shy about getting into the mushrooms and the picture. I would love to have a name for scouters. The cub scout in the background missed getting in the picture.



## Spring Mushroom Identification Class

This class was held for three nights, from 7 to 9 PM. We started on Wednesday Feb. 22 with 35 new people and 5 repeating from last year. This is a very popular class and the people are great.

Each night participants had a different fresh mushroom to key out and identify to genus and species. Several video or PowerPoint programs explaining identification, collecting, poisoning and toxins, and Bob's 10 Best Edibles were presented during the three nights. When the class ended Friday night, everyone left having the resources to identify 10 edible wild mushrooms and how to use the keys in mushroom books. Class field trip scheduled April 28.



### **SIMA Foray Shirts**

Kevin Sublett designed a SIMA Foray logo and mushroom to go on a polo shirt for foray attendees to purchase. The shirt will have no year printed so they could be available from foray to foray. Kevin is willing to do one or two so people can see the shirt at the next meeting on April 9. If anyone thinks they would purchase one at a foray please e-mail Genille Steiner [gsteiner@sitestar.net](mailto:gsteiner@sitestar.net) The cost would be around \$15 to \$18, depending on the quantity. If people are interested I would be willing to put a shirt order spot with size and cost on the Foray Registration Form.

Let me know by the 25<sup>th</sup> of March if you could.



### **All Cameras Are Not Equal**

Just because your phone is always with you and has a camera built in, it might not be the best camera to use for your mushroom pictures. Posting pictures from your camera on social media may have the information on where you took them imbedded within the photo. You could be sharing your mushroom sites without you knowing it, depending where you post it.

Your digital camera stamps date and time, but as of yet, not the GPS coordinates of where you took your photo.

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### **Beware – Your Photos may be Geotagged!**

By Dennis Aita, Vice President, New York Mycological Society  
If you are taking photos with your iPhone or some other smartphone and posting them on Facebook or some other social network your photos may have been geotagged (geographical coordinates embedded in their metadata) without your knowledge. A morel hunter recently found out the hard way how our new technology works!

<http://www.sheersoycandles.com/blogs/articles/3156552-morel-mushroom-enthusiast-loses-secret-spot-to-high-tech-hunter>

You definitely should turn off the geotagging feature on your phone unless you really want others to know where your choice mushroom spots are located!

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### **Geotagging Mushroom Sites**

Summer 2011 Sue Poland and Genille Steiner participated in a class through the University of Idaho on GPS – GIS and geotagging mushroom sites to imbed information. This was the main focus of this great class.

Our idea was to locate the areas in Bear Basin where we have found boletes in the past as our joint project. We found no boletes, instead we found fruitings of Ramaria in over 20 locations. We photographed them with a camera, gathered data on soil temperature, soil moisture, latitude and longitude, canopy cover/sky percentage of sun, and a few other details.

We entered this information into an Excel spreadsheet, and using an ARCGIS program, put the photos on the mushroom location on a map of Bear Basin and the Excel spreadsheet.

Our photos and information was saved to removable media for our own use in the future. Don't think it will find its way to Facebook.

However, cell phone cameras are handy, but if your phone is "smart", beware.

### **Auction and Door Prizes at the Spring Foray, May 25, 26, 27, 2012**

In addition to the program Saturday night, SIMA will have an auction of mushroom related items and a door prize. The auction will be after supper, before the program while we wait for the sun to go down.

If you have any items you want to donate to the auction, we will welcome them.

### **Anticipation!**

