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Indiana Mushroom Certification Classes

Several years ago, the state of Indiana passed a law that prohibited the sale of wild mushrooms. There was one exception in that morels could be sold if they had been inspected by someone certified by the Indiana Department of Public Health. So, if you wanted to sell morels, you had to get them inspected by one of only three individuals who had acquired the certification. They include Stephen Russell of www.hoosiermushrooms.org and myself.

Kudos are due to Stephen. He has been working with the Indiana State Department of Health in order to get the ability to offer certification classes that will be accepted by the state.

There will be two different courses being offered - morels and wild edible mushrooms. The first course will cover all the species of morel mushrooms and include a food handling component. The second course will cover seven additional wild mushrooms that can be certified in the state.

They will be held in Paoli, Bloomington, and Indianapolis. If there is a significant interest, more classes will be offered in other locations around the state. If you sign up for a course at one of the initial locations and a new course closer to your home is announced, you will be able to switch to the new location. The initial locations and dates will be:

- March 14, 2015 - Paoli, IN**
- March 21, 2015 - Bloomington, IN**
- March 28, 2015 - Indianapolis, IN**

The Morel Mushroom Certification course will be \$75. The Wild Mushroom Certification course will be \$125.

For updated information or to sign up, visit www.hoosiermushrooms.org

Morel Mania Appearances

Visit with us at these shows in 2015

- Louisville, KY • Deer & Turkey Expo • Jan 30 - Feb 1***
- Lansing, MI • Deer & Turkey Expo • Feb 13 - 15***
- Springfield, IL • Deer & Turkey Expo • Feb 20 - 22***
- Indianapolis, IN • Deer, Turkey, & Waterfowl • Feb 26- Mar 1***
- Columbus, OH • Deer & Turkey Expo • Mar 13 - 15***
- Madison, WI • Deer & Turkey Expo • Apr 10 - 12***
- Brown County, IN • Mushroom Festival • Apr 24 - 26***
- Ottawa, IL • Midwest Morel Fest • May 2 & 3**
- Boyer City, MI • National Morel Festival • May 15 - 17**

*** Tom Nauman of Morel Mania, Inc. will be presenting seminars.**

KY, MI, IL, OH, & WI Deer & Turkey Expos: <http://www.deerinfo.com>

Indiana Deer, Turkey & Waterfowl Expo: <http://renfroproductions.com>

<http://www.morelfestival.com/>

<http://www.experienceottawa.com>

<http://bcmorelfestival.com/>

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Stop By and Say “Hi”

The 2015 Morel Mania Tour will cover six states and nine weekend shows.

Tom Nauman will also present seminars at several of them,

“All About Morels & Other Edible Wild Mushrooms - Great Venison Complement.”

Seminar dates and times are in red.

Here’s the details on the first three:

Louisville, KY • Deer & Turkey Expo • Jan 30 - Feb 1

Kentucky Exposition Center (State Fairgrounds)

Booth 1156

937 Phillips Lane • Louisville, KY 40209

Friday, Jan. 30, 2015
2:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015
9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Seminars: Friday, 1/30, 6:00 pm • Saturday, 1/31, 2:45 pm • Sunday, 2/1, 1:30 pm

Lansing, MI • Deer & Turkey Expo • Feb 13 - 15

The Summit Sports and Ice Complex

9410 Davis Hwy • Dimondale, MI 48821

Booth 426

Friday, Feb. 13, 2015
2:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015
9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Seminars: Friday, 2/13, 6:00 pm • Saturday, 2/14, 2:45 pm • Sunday, 2/15, 1:30 pm

Springfield, IL • Deer & Turkey Expo • Feb 20 - 22

Prairie Capital Convention Center

1 Convention Center Plaza • Springfield, IL 62701

Booth 520

Friday, Feb. 20, 2015
2:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015
9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Seminars: Friday, 2/20, 6:00 pm • Saturday, 2/21, 12:15 pm • Sunday, 2/22, 11:00 am

Of course there will be a lot more than mushrooms at each of these shows: deer gear and discussions, turkey talk and products, and demonstrations/seminars of all kinds.

Buy your advance tickets online and save \$3.00 at:

<http://www.deerinfo.com>

Bring this sheet to the Morel Mania Booth and save \$5.00 on your first purchase of \$25.00 or more!

Midwest Morel Fest

Save the date, May 2 & 3

The Midwest Morel Fest Committee is pleased to announce some changes to the schedule for 2015. To begin with, the Fest will happen on Saturday and Sunday rather than Friday/Saturday as in prior years. Morel University will now happen on Saturday morning rather than Friday afternoon with the intent of making it more convenient for attendees.

The Morel Auction and Home Brew competition and tasting will still be held on Saturday. And, the Illinois State Morel Championship will move to Sunday morning. One thing that won't change is the \$500 prize to the person that finds the largest morel during the competition.



The location will move from the area south of Washington Park to the Jordan Block. This will give us additional space, more parking, and easier bus loading and unloading. We'll have additional details as the dates draw near.

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