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“FORAGING FOR FUNGI”

Instruction for safe, autumn mushroom hunting offered at The Nature Institute

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Godfrey, Ill – Foraging through the wild has been a tool for a variety of recipes for hundreds of years. Learn to correctly identify native, edible autumn mushrooms with The Nature Institute’s (TNI) “Foraging for Fungi” on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will end with a mushroom fry demonstration for guests to learn some delicious recipes they can use at home.

“Foraging for Fungi” will take place at TNI’s Talahi Lodge, located at 2213 South Levis Lane in Godfrey, Ill. TNI education director Patti Brown and education assistant Ramona Puskar will begin this program with an informational presentation. Then, the group will head out for a light hike on TNI trails to identify wild mushrooms.

After the guided hike, TNI board president Dr. Patrick Dailey will be leading the mushroom fry demonstration. Attendees will be able to walk away from the event with more knowledge on chanterelles, chicken of the woods, puffballs, witches butter and coral mushrooms.

Mushroom photo prints, taken by Dr. Dailey, will be on display and available for purchase. All photos were taken on the TNI trails.

Admission is \$25 per person, which includes the identification hike and mushroom fry demo. There are only 30 spots available for this event and pre-registration is required. Those interested in participating should reserve their spot before Monday, September 26 by calling (618) 466-9930 or emailing info@TheNatureInstitute.org. Tickets can also be purchased online at TheNatureInstitute.org.

TNI is a non-profit environmental education and conservation organization in the state of Illinois. Their mission is to foster an awareness and appreciation of the natural world through preservation, restoration and education.

TNI has several hiking trails throughout their preserves. These trails range in difficulty levels from easy to moderate and are free and open for public use from dawn to dusk. TNI owns 450 acres of land, which is protected under permanent conservation easements and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission. Due to this protection, collecting mushrooms, flowers or anything else on the property is prohibited.

For more information on “Foraging for Fungi” or other TNI events, visit TheNatureInstitute.org or call (618) 466-9930.

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