



Hawks Prairie Rotary Announces 2009 Pacific NW Mushroom Festival

Humungous Shrrroom Feast Competition!

First of all, thank you for participating in the Humungous Shrrroom Feast Competition in association with the Pacific NW Mushroom Festival to be held on June 27th and 28th, 2009, from noon - 4 pm.

The Pacific Northwest Mushroom Festival is being held at the Thurston County Regional Athletic Complex, located at the corner of Steilacoom Road and Marvin Road, directly across the street from Ostrom's Mushroom Farms. This is a media entertainment community and culinary event and is sure to draw huge crowds. You may participate as a regular food vendor, which includes participating in the Shrrroom Feast competition if you wish **or** only compete in the Humungous Shrrroom Feast Competition. Additional Information is available at: www.mushroomfest.org.

Here's how the Humongous Shrrroom Feast Competition works:

- You must be a licensed food purveyor to participate.
- The Hawks Prairie Rotary Club provides a blanket health permit for the Humongous Shrrroom Feast competitors.
- As stated in Food Vendor application, we do need proof of liability insurance with the Hawks Prairie Rotary Foundation and the City of Lacey listed as additional insured's.
- There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit fee due by May 1st, 2009.
- Set-up is Friday, June 26th from noon to 7pm and, if needed, from 7am to 9:30am, Saturday, June 27th. NOTE: Set-up has to be completed by 9:30am although the Humongous Shrrroom Feast Competition does not start until noon.
- Each participant will be provided:
 - space with 2 tables (3'X8') and 2 chairs
 - 40 lbs of mushrooms of your choosing (from Ostroms). Additional mushrooms can be purchased from Ostroms at a reduced cost. Please contact Fletcher Street at Ostroms, (360) 539-8181 to arrange pick up of your chosen mushrooms and/or request any additional mushrooms.
- Each participant gets to decorate their own serving space! Participants must be ready to serve by 11:50am each day.

- Mushrooms should be prepared off-site in a commercially licensed kitchen, and served on-site from chafing dishes etc. (*NOTE: If mushrooms are prepared on-site, then preparers are subject to the same licensing requirements as Food Vendors.)
- Mushrooms may be prepared any way you wish. Just keep in mind that these are samplings to be paid for by scrip (worth \$1 each), which you will put the value on (# of scrip) based on your costs and what you feel the sample is worth.
- The serving time will be between 12pm and 4pm on both Saturday and Sunday.
- Vendors are responsible for serving plates, napkins and utensils.
- **Shrrroom Feasters will pay for scrip either at the entrance or from a Hawks Prairie Rotarian selling scrip at the festival. For every \$10 in scrip sold, feasters will receive a token to vote for their favorite dish. Number of scrip for each dish will be posted at each vendor.**
- **Hawks Prairie Rotary will rebate 25% value of each scrip sold.**
- After sampling, the feasters are to vote for their favorite Shrrroom dish with tokens provided when they purchase their Shrrroom Feast scrip. A voting area will be established.
- Enclosed is a application form. To allow time for promotion for all participants, the registration deadline is **May 1st, 2009.**
- **There will be a Chef's Choice Award determined by a Guest Chef, and a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards voted by the feasters. Awards will be given from the main stage at approximately 5:00pm, Sunday, June 28th, 2009.**

This event is backed up with over \$50,000 in advertising. Please submit your application form early so you can take full advantage of the advertising opportunities that include the website, The Olympian newspaper, the official program, as well as potential radio and TV interviews.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Shrrroom Feast Co-chair's:
 Grace Kendall at (360) 791-7734, party2lite@yahoo.com, or,
 Marny Bright at (360) 878-2158,
 or,
 Festival Coordinator Greg Stevens at (360) 701-0994, or email at gregs@mixx96.com.

Again, thank you for participating and may the best Mushrooms win!

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