

**GULF SOUTH MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
2024 SUMMER FORAY REGISTRATION FORM**

**July 12-14, 2024**

*Best Western of Alexandria Inn & Suites & Conference Center*

*2720 N MacArthur Dr.*

*Alexandria, LA 71303*

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**Registration**      \$50.00 per person      # \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$50.00      =      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodging**      Rooms are \$99 for king or double and \$109 for the suites. Make reservations by calling [\(318\) 445-5530](tel:3184455530) to secure your room. Please be sure to mention that you are an attendee of the Gulf South Mycological Summer Foray so that you can get the above hotel prices.

For our records, please indicate which nights, if any, that you plan to stay at the hotel.

Friday July 12      \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday July 13      \_\_\_\_\_

**Meals, Drinks, and Snacks:** Free breakfast is provided with your hotel reservation. In the interests of cutting costs for our members – and also with the understanding that people’s alcohol preferences are far more varied today than they used to be, when cheap domestics reigned supreme – we will henceforward be adopting a BYOB/W policy. We will have some refrigerator and ice chest space for our members to use, but we should also have mini-fridges in our rooms too.

The same goes for food. Catered meals have historically been more miss than hit. We typically shoot for the most boring menu items available, since more interesting choices – spicy ones, for example – tend to alienate a segment of our membership. Gone, at last, are the days of dried-up chicken breasts and over-cooked green beans. Good riddance! Most people will eat the above items, but they will do so reluctantly and joylessly. So, in short, our thinking is that we will include more time between our two Saturday talks so that our members can either eat a meal of their own concocting or dine at a nearby restaurant.

All of which is to say: we are only asking for a modest drink and snack fee. Most of this will be set aside for our Friday night “foraging” meal. Members are still encouraged to bring their favorite myco-dishes but by no means are required to do so.

**Drinks and Snacks** (\$10) - number of people \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$10      =      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Overall Total** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

So, just to be clear: we will not be doing a catered meal, and we will not, as a club, be purchasing alcohol on behalf of our members. It just doesn't make sense anymore. The snacks will include options that are vegetarian and vegan friendly. We'll also have some charcuterie choices, some home-made myco-goodies, veggie trays, dips, chips, and so forth.

For registration, the website should be updated soon to start taking orders. In the meantime, you are welcome to fill out this form, email it to our club address, and pay by the QR code below. Just open your camera on your phone and aim it at the QR code. A link will pop up that should take you to our PayPal account where you can pay directly. Be sure that you tally your costs and include in your payment a breakdown of what you're paying for. (For example, you don't have to pay for snacks and drinks if you don't intend to consume them.)



For my beloved snail-mailers, please make checks payable to Gulf South Mycological Society and send it, along with your registration form, to:

GSMS c/o Logan Wiedenfeld  
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**We can't wait to see everyone, and we are confident that this will once again be**

**an excellent event!**