

## Mushroom Market

The mushroom related activities will be in the tent at the corner of Broadway and Court Street (behind the Courthouse) in Irvine.

---The **Mushroom Market** will be open Saturday, April 29 (9 a.m. – 7 p.m.) and Sunday, April 30 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.). Mushroom hunters who bring mushrooms to the market will decide on the price per pound. Various types of mushrooms, such as morels, shiitakes, and oysters, can be sold. Availability is dependent on the amount that local hunters bring to the mushroom tent. Scales will be used to weigh the mushrooms. A “Mushroom Hunting Guide” will be sold at the market.

---Judging of the **Mushroom Hunting Contest** will be at the market on Saturday, April 29 at 4 p.m. Cash prizes of \$50 for the largest and \$50 for the most mushrooms will be awarded.

---**Educational panels** on morel mushroom hunting in Estill County will be on display. A natural habitat **terrarium** containing the elusive morel will also be on display.

--**Mushroom Hunting Bags** will be available in two types for sale at the market. They are both soft and lightweight, yet sturdy, with belt loops, comfortable handles, and an adjustable shoulder strap. The shoulder strap adjusts to fit your comfort level and keeps your hands free. The nylon mesh gently holds and aerates your harvest to keep bacterial growth to a minimum while maximizing the escape of spores and allows debris and critters to escape. Both bags fold in its own self-storing 6/5” by 8” pouch which have been personalized with “Mountain Mushroom Festival, Irvine, KY, [www.mountainmushroomfestival.org](http://www.mountainmushroomfestival.org). ”

- The “**Shroom Sack**” is 19.5” wide by 17” deep. The bottom is gusseted to expand with your increasing bounty.
- The mesh “**Bucket Bag**” stores flat and opens up to form a bucket 12” wide by 15” deep to hold mushrooms when shrooming.



## Mountain Mushroom Festival Market Contest Rules

- 1. Bring only fresh mushrooms** to the festival for sale:  
**Frozen** mushrooms will **not** be accepted.  
**Mushrooms** with dirt or roots will **not** be accepted.  
**Mushrooms** soaked in water will **not** be weighed.  
**Only Mushrooms** of *Morchella elata* (Black Morel), *M. esculenta* (Yellow Morel), and *M. semilibera* (Half-Free) varieties will be accepted.  
All other varieties will get identified and noted.
- 2. Market Volunteers will Record:**
  - a.** Name, **b.** address, **c.** phone or message number, **d.** total weight of bulk or length and girth of largest (*Morchella*) mushroom.
- 3. Market Volunteers will measure and document net weight** of bulk mushrooms (*Morchella*) brought in by each seller.
- 4. Market Volunteers will measure and document** largest mushroom (edible morel only) in length plus girth.
- 5. All totals** (weight and / or size) must be logged in at the Market by the **4 p.m. Saturday deadline**, to be entered into the contest.
- 6. Market Volunteers will not handle any money.**  
All sales will be conducted only between the buyer and seller.
- 7. Photo documentation of (weight / size) winners** will take place immediately after the contest.
- 8. Market Volunteers will write down all important comments** that improve the Mushroom Market.
- 9. No person except booth volunteers will be allowed in the booth.**