



## **The Spore You Know**

**Sat., 10/3/2020, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Ruston Artisans, Cook Park/Rock Island Parkway, Ruston, La.**

**Instructor: Todd Maggio, Assoc. Prof., La Tech**

**Assisted by Dr. Sims, Forestry, La Tech**

This workshop will take place entirely in Ruston, La. We will gather at Ruston Artisans at 203 W. Alabama Ave. in downtown Ruston. If parking spaces along the street are full, there's a bank parking lot a half block away that should be virtually empty on a Saturday.

9 a.m. Intro to studying and foraging fungi

- Overview
- Basic terms and concepts

10:30 a.m. Break and Head to Cook Park

11 Foraging in Cook Park

12-ish Lunch Break & ID'ing what we found

1-3 p.m. More foraging and identifying.

### **Note:**

1. Pandemic guidelines: We will be indoors for the classroom portion and will spread out around the room. (Family members not required to physically distance from each other!) Todd will probably want to remove his mask to teach, but we will all wear ours while indoors. When we go out for field work, those who wish can remove their masks. Hand sanitizer will be available.

2. As always, please bring your own beverages and food, and dress for field work. Where Todd goes in the park can be rather swampish and cottonmouths are known to sun on the trail.

3. I will be there by 8:45 to take money from those who wish to pay on site, but please let me know in advance if that is your plan. I believe Suzanne is coming so we should also have t-shirts to sell.

4. Bring your lupe (magnifier). I have a couple extras if you don't have one. Dr. Sims will have a microscope. Yay! If you literally want to forage, that is pick edible mushrooms to take home to eat or gather to study, make spore prints, etc., bring a basket. Or two. Or mesh bags. Do not bring Ziploc bags! (That's my first lesson: Mushrooms and plastic don't mix.)