



Raincoast Field School @ home: “Fun with Fungi” Raincoast Challenge

This week has been all about Fungi! What an amazing organism, who knew they could grow so large. Today's challenge however will involve the fruiting body of a fungi- remember what we call them? Mushrooms! Today's challenge is for you to become an expert of a mushroom species of your choosing. Using the online BC mushroom guide as your resource, you must research one mushroom and on Thursday teach us all during our Zoom meeting.

Challenge #1: Mushroom Exploration

Unfortunately, at this point in the year on the coast we will not find too many mushrooms growing in the forest. So instead we are going to do a little exploring online. Using the link below, begin to explore the long list of the mushrooms that grow here in our province. Once you have done some initial research, pick your favourite mushroom!

Website Link: <https://www.zoology.ubc.ca/~biodiv/mushroom/>

Challenge #2: Explain Why

Once you have decided on a particular mushroom species, tell us why? What drew you to this mushroom? Is it because it has a unique shape or colour? Or maybe because it is a rare find? Write out your answer along with **one** cool fact about it. On Thursday we will be sharing our Raincoast Challenges and teaching one another about each mushroom.

Challenge #3: Mushroom Art

Next step is to draw out your mushroom! The best way to really understand a living thing is to do a detailed scientific drawing. Use your observation skills to pay close attention to the way your mushroom looks. You can use pencil, pen, markers, or whatever medium you wish! Have your drawing ready for our Thursday Zoom lesson as we will be holding them up to share! I can't wait to see what everyone draws.

Materials List:

- Mushroom Webpage: <https://www.zoology.ubc.ca/~biodiv/mushroom/>
- Print out Raincoast Challenge sheet (further down in document)

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Your Name/ Grade: Taylor

My favourite mushroom: Fairy Ring Mushroom

Why I chose this mushroom species: I love the cute mushroom caps on this species, I also like the common name, it makes me want to build a fairy home in the forest.

One Fun Fact about my mushroom: These are the coolest mushrooms because they grow in a ring formation in the grass! They seem to be full of magic.

Mushroom Art





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Your Name/ Grade: _____

Mushroom Common Name: _____

Why I chose this mushroom species: _____

One Fun Fact about my mushroom: _____

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