

Morey Morel Mascot

Morey Morel is a “Fun Guy” who has been making appearances at the festival since 2014. He wants to visit the 28th festival to welcome the many visitors from across Kentucky and many states. He is welcomed during the spring when the delicacy comes out of his secret hiding spot after a long winter.

The Morchella Mushroom, or Morel, as it is most commonly referred to can be black, gray, brown, or white and are usually about six inches high. Early varieties seem to thrive on top of limestone cliffs, but as the spring weather warms, they begin to “bloom” lower down around the sides of the mountain and down in the hollers. Most mushroom hunters refer to the morel as “dry land fish” because of their slightly fishy taste. The morel mushroom is hollow and the honeycomb or sponge like cap sometimes hangs over the cylindrical stem.

Look for Morey at the festival. He will be honored to get his picture made with you!