



Tucker Mountain Challenge rules

Prizes: 1st place \$1,000, 2nd place \$600 and 3rd place \$400

WHAT: New Hampshire K-12 classrooms are invited to submit a 1-pint sample of K-12 classroom produced maple syrup. Any number of students and affiliated adults may participate. Submitted syrup must be produced as part of the class under non commercial conditions by some combination of students, teachers and affiliated adults.

ELIGIBILITY: Kindergarten through 12th grade classes in New Hampshire.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Submit a completed online application no later than January 15th.
2. Submit a 1 pint sample of classroom produced maple syrup. The sample must be received in the NH Agriculture in the Classroom office no later than April 15th (295 Sheep Davis Rd. Concord, NH 03301)
3. Entries must be submitted in a clear, sealed bottle tagged along with a completed submission form. (although we enjoy creative packaging efforts, they make it difficult to keep the sample anonymous, so please only include the information requested above)

APPLICATION:

1. An electronic application must be submitted and received by midnight on January 15th.

PROCESSING:

1. All maple sap must be collected in New Hampshire using 5/16th taps or smaller and collected only via a food grade system.
2. Any food grade collection system may be used including buckets, gravity tubing or vacuum systems.
3. All maple syrup entries must be produced by lead free equipment and systems.
4. Any size evaporator is acceptable.
5. May be fueled by any type of fuel.
6. The finished maple syrup may be filtered by any method.



JUDGING:

1. All entries will be graded, checked for density, assessed for grade and evaluated for clarity. Any entry outside the limits of 66.0 to 68.9 brix will score no density points. Participants will get additional points awarded based on the educational submissions as identified in the rubric.
2. The five highest scoring entries will be blind taste tested by the public in early May.
3. The entry with the most points wins the Tucker Mountain Challenge prize of \$1,000. The class with the second highest score receives \$650 and the third highest scoring class receives \$350.
4. Winners will be announced no later than May 31st.

HELPFUL LINKS:

Application:

ScoringRubric:

Scoring Details:

Tapping into Maple Tradition lessons and activities:

The NH Ag in the Classroom Board of Directors' decision on any issues concerning the Tucker Mountain Challenge shall be final.