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THE 57th OFFICIAL VERMONT MAPLE FESTIVAL

April 26th – April 28th, 2024

THE THEME: *Totally Eclipsed by Vermont Maple*

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Let the Vermont Maple Festival launch you into the basics of maple and the many ways that it can be used. 2023 was a remarkable year for the Maple Festival as we got back into a full Festival spirit that we had not had since 2019. Come experience Maple in Vermont, the largest producing state in the US! Delight your taste buds in 2024 with

Vermont Maple the official Flavor of Vermont!

Vermont Maple Festival will kick off at 12:00 Noon on April 26, 2024, with an Honor Guard presentation from The St. Albans – Vermont National Guard, National Anthem and Welcome. We will announce the winners of the Maple Photo Contest, Sappy Art Contest, Window Contest, and the 2024 Maple Festival Parade Marshal. The Agricultural Commissioner Anson Tebbetts & Mayor Tim Smith will be present to also join us for the annual *Maple & Milk* toast to celebrate the two largest agricultural businesses in the State. At the Exhibit Hall you will find the Maple Syrup contest winners & display, a Maple Store, Maple Cooking Contest winners & display and Festival Merchandise. Enjoy a cup of coffee with a Maple cream frosted donut or a Maple Creemee. There will be an education display along with Maple Cooking demonstrations. In Taylor Park enjoy a Maple Milk shake, maple cream frosted doughnuts, Maple Creemee and other maple value foods, Kids Activities and Face Painting. Friday a sing along for the kids at the Gazebo; A dog show on Saturday in the park for family enjoyment; Ice sculpting maple demos. Get a great maple pancake breakfast Saturday & Sunday! Kids Center at the BFA Performing Arts will bring another great family program -The No Strings Marionette Company will perform *NICK OF TIME*, along with Bryson Langs Family Entertainment of juggling and creative comedy; The Youth Talent Show is on Friday night at the BFA Performing Arts Center, along with the Fiddlers Show on Saturday night. There will be a Maple Beverage Tasting at 14th star. There is a Craft & Specialty Food Show and Antique Show. **New this year a Teen Fest at City Hall Saturday from 10-6**, The annual *Sap Run* on Sunday; Free Main Street Stage Entertainment all weekend featuring Quality Artist's *RedNeck Castaway Band, April Cushman, Blues singer Jim Branca, East Coast Soul*; Maple Syrup tasting at the Sugarhouse in the Park; St. Albans Historical Museum will be free & open to tour; Maple additions to the Main Street vendors food court; Maple Cotton Candy & Vermont's renowned Sugar-on-Snow; relax in the grand old Taylor Park with a newly re-built fountain and places to picnic; a downtown of intriguing restaurants & shops; wrapping up with our annual Parade at 12:00 NOON on Sunday with floats, bands and colorful costumed characters, talented local artist *Chris and Issy* on the Main Street stage after the parade. Carnival rides for the young all weekend long!

With this return we will have Sugarhouse tours on Saturday and step into another full schedule of family enjoyment at the Vermont Maple Festival! Celebrate the first Agricultural crop of the year, Vermont Maple Syrup and Springtime in Vermont. The Festival has been a frequent subject of the media: television features, including Food Network, national news and magazine articles, and has been highlighted in books including *Amazing Festivals: Hundreds of Small-Town Celebrations* and *1000 Places in the U.S. and Canada to See Before You Die*.

Many of the events at the Vermont Maple Festival are free of charge and handicapped accessible. Overnight accommodations are available in St. Albans, Enosburg Falls, Colchester, and Burlington. Enjoy the many Bed & Breakfasts or Air B&Bs around the area.

Tap into all there is to
SEE, LEARN, SAVOR and DO at the Vermont Maple Festival!
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