

PRESS RELEASE AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS LISTING
THE 59th OFFICIAL VERMONT MAPLE FESTIVAL

April 24th – April 26th, 2026

THEME: **SWEET TASTE OF SPRING**

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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. 2025 was a remarkable year for the Maple Festival as being back into a full Festival spirit was amazing.

Come experience Maple in Vermont, the largest producing state in the US! Delight your taste buds in 2026 with

Vermont Maple the official Flavor of Vermont!

Vermont Maple Festival will kick off at 12:00 Noon on April 24, 2026, 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, & the NEW Poetry contest. The new 2026 Maple Ambassadors and the 2026 Maple Festival Parade Marshal also.

The Agricultural Commissioner Anson Tebbetts, Mayor Trudy Cioffi & Allison Hope Executive Director with the VMSMA will be present to join us for the annual *Maple & Milk* toast to celebrate the two largest agricultural entities 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 a maple education display along with Maple Cooking demonstrations. The Craft & Specialty Food show opens at 12 Noon Friday. 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 & Saturday enjoy Creative Chainsaw Art by John, sing along with Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate at the Gazebo. Aim High dog show on Saturday in the park for family enjoyment, Sugar house tours, a great delicious pancake breakfast Saturday & Sunday! – & Jason Tardy-High-Energy Juggling & Comedy Show! for Family Entertainment; The Youth Talent Show is on Friday night at the BFA Performing Arts Center, along with the Fiddlers Show on Saturday night. Saturday there will be a Maple Beverage Tasting at 14th star, and Antique Show. The Teen Center will open at 10 AM on Saturday at City Hall with challenging games and music; The annual *Sap Run* on Sunday; Free Main Street Stage Entertainment all weekend featuring Quality Artist's *Maddi Ryan, Conniption Fits, Lexi James, Redneck Castaway Band – Tribute to Kenny Chesney*. Maple Syrup tasting at the Sugarhouse in the Park; 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 Isaac French on the Main Street stage 2-4 following the parade. Carnival rides for the young all weekend long!

Celebrate the first Agricultural crop of the year, Vermont Maple Syrup and Springtime in Vermont. The Maple 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, Highgate, Colchester, and Burlington. Enjoy the many Hotels, Bed & Breakfasts 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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