

To Maple Producers, consumers, and all those interested in the Maple industry—It's time to renew your membership in the Somerset County Maple Producers Association. Remember, if you purchased containers this past fall, through the organization, you have already paid for 2014 and do not need to respond to this notice. Feel free to pass your forms on to any other interested persons.

Same deals as other years, your membership offers you discount pricing on syrup containers . . . two free tickets to the annual banquet, which will be held this year June 27, 2014 at the Sipesville Fire Hall . . . the Maple Digest, which contains state, national and international Maple news, along with Maple research reports and industry equipment information . . . membership in the state Maple organization, which coordinates state activities, does promotions, and handles most of the Maple work at the PA Farm Show.

Two big Maple promotions early this year in Somerset County—The annual tapping event will be February 22, 2014 and will take place at 2:00 p.m. at the Paul Bunyan Sugar Camp, hosted by the J.R. Enos family--A good time to bring your friends and introduce them to Maple via demonstrations and Maple goodies to sample.

Following quickly is the first Somerset County "Maple Weekend" on March 8th and 9th. Eleven camps have indicated that they will welcome visitors and have planned special events and treats for their visitors. Watch for brochures or check the February issue of "Farm, Field and Garden" distributed by the Daily American newspaper for more information. You may want to visit some of the camps and consider joining the program in 2015.

Shortly after that, we'll have a presence at the Pennsylvania State Maple Festival in Meyersdale, presenting scholarship money to the Queen and a cash award to the young lady who wins the Maple Wisdom category. The Maple Festival supports us, and we reciprocate by entering the product competition, along with the Maple King and Championship Syrup competitions. The advertising works to the good of both parties, and we encourage all producers to submit entries.

Late summer bring the Meyersdale Fair—and again, they support us, and we'd like to see a stronger showing there of Maple products.

Mountain Craft Days, in early September, pays our bills and gives us a chance to introduce Maple to the uninitiated. It's a fun event, and we can use more help. If you could spare a day, give President Everett Sechler, or any board member, a call.

The State Farm Show came early this year and caught us a little unprepared, so be thinking, when you boil this year, to set aside products for entering at the local festivals and fairs and the State Farm Show in January 2015.

Enclosed are a membership form for you to complete and an extra one for a friend or neighbor who might be interested. Annual dues MUST be paid by January 31 to be eligible for the 2014 container order and to meet the "Digest" deadline.

Please send your payment to: Kyle Hillegas
538 Dividing Ridge Road
Fairhope, PA 15538

Sincerely,
Kyle Hillegas, Membership Chairman

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Camp Name (if applicable) _____

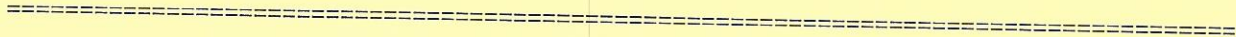
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