

**CANADIAN MAPLE SHACK INC.**  
**GUIDELINES FOR THE SCHOOL ACTIVITY**

**Set up information**

- Our tent measures 10x10.
- We will require access to the location with the truck and trailer for easy unload.
- A location in front or side yard with access to a door or adjacent/ or in a parking lot works well.
- We require access to power. The outlet can be at a very far distance we have long cords.

**Presentations and groups**

- 20 minutes for groups of 40-50 is the standard. Please refer to the example schedule.
- The presentation inside is on a USB stick. We will provide you with the stick and the spoons the morning of the event. You will need to set up a classroom with projector for this station. We do not supervise this station.
- The presentation includes
  1. A short video on the “cabane a sucre”.
  2. A short video on the history of spoon playing.
  3. A short tutorial on how to play the spoon.
  4. Traditional tap dancing and music for the children to practice the spoon playing.
  5. The song “allons a la cabane” for the children to sign along.
- You can practice the song with your FSL students prior. Visit the [www.canadianmapleshack.com](http://www.canadianmapleshack.com) site for a link to the song. I have provided you with the lyrics.
- We will provide you with the mascot costume as well as 4 lumberjack costumes the morning of the event.
- You will receive gifts for the students. Typically a tote bag/t-shirt, magnets etc. You can have them drawn separately, or as a whole. You decide what you want to do with it. You can question the students on the short video to win a prize. It helps with them paying attention.

**Supervision/volunteers**

- We do not supervise the station inside.
- We will be outside in the tent boiling and preparing the syrup.
- We provide music outside and will try to have the children dancing if time permits after they are done with the taffy. If you have a volunteer outside, please encourage them to initiate the dancing outside.
- Children are asked to line up outside, we call them at the taffy table 4 at a time.

- They need to make sure their taffy is rolled and hardened before trying to eat it.
- Once their taffy is rolled they are encouraged to go to a designated area to eat their taffy and leave room for the next.
- Children are reminded to put their sticks in the garbage once they are done. We do not hand out the sticks prior because children usually tend to put them in their mouth and will contaminate the snow.
- If you have a student or adult volunteer outside, they can help with lining up the children and supervise them as they roll their taffy.

### **Pouring/rolling of taffy**

- When the taffy is poured on the snow.
- Place your stick at the end in the taffy. Wait for it to harden ( a few seconds)
- When you can pull your taffy up from the snow and its firm ( almost like a slice of bacon) then it is ready to roll.
- Roll you taffy onto the stick sideways while pressing it gently in the snow.

*REMEMBER THESE ARE ONLY GUIDELINES TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR THE EVENT. WE WILL BE THERE TO SUPERVISE AND HELP YOU MAKE THIS DAY PERFECT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.*