



Requirements for Entry

Beer & Cider: A minimum of twelve 12-ounce bottles or the equivalent.

Wine & Mead: A minimum of 3 bottles of wine (standard 750 mL) or the equivalent.

If you are a past participant, keep in mind the amounts you have served in past competitions. For new participants, we expect to have 200 or more people attending the event, and we strongly recommend that you bring enough of each entry to serve such a crowd.

1. All persons who submit entries for the competition are expected to serve their own beer, wine, cider, and mead throughout the entire competition, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and are allowed to bring one guest to help serve. Participants must be ready for judging to begin by 4:00 p.m. and then entrants will have the opportunity to taste test their competition after they've been judged.
2. All beer, wine, cider, and mead entered will be considered for the People's Choice competition as well as the Professional Judging Competition. If a brewer or vintner submits one or two different types of beer, wine, cider, or mead then the entry fee is \$25, payable to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Elkhart County (BBBSEC). For three or more entries, the fee will be waived.
3. Participants are encouraged to submit as many entries as they like. Winners will be announced at the end of the event.
4. Participants will receive feedback from judges. Copies of the scoring sheets will be hand-delivered or emailed to the email address on the entry form.
5. There will be a VIP hour between 5:00-6:00 p.m. to be included with hors d' oeuvres before General Admission from 6:00-9:00pm. Brewers and vintners are encouraged to bring reserve styles for those with VIP tickets. If you bring a reserve style below the minimum amounts, it is not eligible for People's Choice or Judging Competition. However, keep in mind that many VIP's will provide you with instant feedback during the event. Sharing something special you made with the community is in the spirit of what the event is all about and a great way to get instant feedback.
6. In order to participate, all information in this registration packet must be filled out, signed & returned to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Elkhart County no later than May 28, 2021.

Booth Information

1. An 8-foot table & table cloth will be provided for all participants as well as a box to collect people's choice tickets.
2. Tables must be ready for the event by 3:45pm on the day of the event. You may begin setting up for the event as early as 1pm the day of the event.
3. There will be an award for best table decoration (the "Stella Marie") that will be judged by BBBSEC board. Participants are responsible for their own table decorations as well as ice, coolers, or any other items you may need for your table & for tasting. Electricity is not available. *Note: there will be food on-site for purchase, but if there is a particular food that would best suit your beverages that you want on your table, then by all means please bring it.
4. There are no refunds on entry fees (if applicable).
5. Tables will be assigned, if you have any special needs or requests please note it on your entry form and we will do our best to accommodate your requests on a first come first serve basis.

If you have any questions please contact:

P: 574-830-5013

E: info@bbbselkhart.org

www.bbbselkhart.org/Bottlecaps&Corks

Received Thank You

Yes No

*Office Use only

Brewer & Vintner Entry Form

Section A: Brewer Information:

Name: _____

Additional Brewers: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Needs or Special Requests: _____

Homebrew Club: _____

Section B: Entry Information *(bring 3 to waive \$25 fee):*

Category:

Name of entry: _____ Beer Wine Cider Mead

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Important Serving Information

I understand that under Indiana state law it is illegal to sell or furnish alcoholic beverages to an intoxicated person. I will not serve any alcohol to someone who is visibly intoxicated. I will immediately inform a Big Brothers Big Sisters of Elkhart County staff member if an attendee of Bottle Caps & Corks appears excessively intoxicated.

I understand that the following may be signs of intoxication, and I will use them to determine if any attendee of Bottle Caps & Corks appears excessively intoxicated to the best of my ability.

- Glassy or bloodshot eyes, or difficulty keeping one's eyes open
- Impaired motor function, for example, inability to walk in a straight line, spilling drinks, or fumbling with objects
- Slurred speech or excessively loud volume of speech

I will limit samples served to 3 oz. for beer & cider and 1.5 oz. for wine or mead.

There is a fill line on the primary tasting glass. This glass has the Bottle Caps & Corks event logo, the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Elkhart County logo and some will still have the "old" Wellfield Botanic Gardens logo. Beer & cider pours should not exceed this line and wine & mead pours should be poured at half the line.

The secondary tasting glass does not have a line, but the top of the Bottle Caps & Corks logo measures to 3 oz. Beer & cider pours should not exceed this line and wine & mead pours should be poured at half the line.

This is an amateur event only. I understand that under Indiana state law I am not authorized to sell my beer, wine, cider or mead for cash or other goods/services. I am not authorized to distribute beer, wine, cider, or mead that has been made by a professional brewery or winery.

I authorize Big Brothers Big Sisters of Elkhart County to publish and utilize photographs taken of me at Bottle Caps & Corks for marketing and publicity purposes.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

To be presented to judges the day of for each: (to be copied for each entry)

Name of entry: _____ Beer Wine Cider Mead

ABV (Alcohol content) rating: _____

Style of entry – (beer -IPA, Amber, etc): _____

IBU's (for beer only) _____

Ingredients (hop, malt, grape, sugar, honey etc.- *amounts not needed): _____

What is your goal with this entry: _____

Entries judged on the following criteria:

Vintner – Wine/Mead	Brewer- Beer/Cider
AROMA/BOUQUET Comments on complexity, intensity, appropriateness for style	AROMA/BOUQUET Comments on complexity, intensity, appropriateness for style
APPEARANCE Comments on color, clarity, texture etc.	APPEARANCE Comments on color, clarity, and head (retention, color, texture):
TASTE & BODY Comments on balance, texture, mouthfeel, detectable flavors, characteristics of style	FLAVOR Comments on malt, hops, fermentation characteristics, balance, finish, and other flavor characteristics:
AFTERTASTE Comments on lingering flavors, smoothness, intensity	AFTERTASTE/MOUTHFEEL Comments on body, carbonation, warmth, creaminess, astringency, and other palate sensations:
OVERALL IMPRESSION Comments on overall drinking pleasure associated with entry, any suggestions for improvement:	OVERALL IMPRESSION Comments on overall drinking pleasure associated with entry, any suggestions for improvement:

Stylistic Accuracy					
Classic Example	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not to style
Technical Merit					
Flawless	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Significant Flaws
Intangibles					
Wonderful	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifeless