

2020 NCSBA “BLACK JAR” HONEY CONTEST

RULES AND INFORMATION

Do your bees make the best-tasting honey in North Carolina?

**Come to the NCSBA Spring conference and enter it in the “Black Jar” honey contest!
Taste is the only thing that matters in this competition.**

- 1) The honey must have been produced in North Carolina by the Entrant – either individually or as part of a family, business, Chapter, or other group project that the Entrant represents.
- 2) Registered conference attendees may enter. Only one entry is allowed per individual, business, or Chapter. Two entries are allowed per family if a) the honeys are different, b) 2 different names are used to sign in the 2 entries, and c) both Entrants are attending the conference under the same family registration.
- 3) Twelve to 16 oz of honey must be submitted in a squeezable container with a flip-top lid. The flip-top lid is a FIRM REQUIREMENT because the honey must be squeezed out onto the Judges’ tasting spoons without removing the lid. Classic honey containers are preferred, but honey-bears are also acceptable. Larger or oddly-shaped containers should not be used. The container must be labeled with the Entrant’s name, business name, or group name.
- 4) The honey must be signed in and left at the registration area on the first day of the conference (Thursday) before the registration desk closes. If the Entrant will not arrive until later, another conference attendee may do this for them. The containers will be covered with aluminum foil to hide names and other distinguishing marks and be assigned a random identification number.
- 5) Any registered attendee may be a Judge even if they also enter honey in the contest. Judging will take place on Friday. Location will be posted in the registration area. There will be a preliminary round in the morning and a final round in the afternoon. Judges are encouraged to participate in both rounds. In the preliminary round, entries will be randomly assigned to ranges of 10-15 honeys. A Judge will be asked to judge just one range. However, Judges may judge additional ranges if they want. Judges will vote for a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place per range. Points will be assigned as follows: 3 points for every 1st place vote, 2 for every 2nd place, and 1 for every 3rd place. The top three from each range will advance to the final round. In the final round, every Judge will taste all of the entries. Judging will stop for all if any Entrant’s honey runs out. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be announced and presented with ribbons on the final day of the conference (Saturday).
- 6) Honey not consumed during the judging can be reclaimed on Saturday in the registration area until the close of the last session.
- 7) Rules are subject to change. For example, it may become necessary to limit the number of entries (first-come/first-served) due to the size-constraints of the judging area (to be determined later). If you have questions, contact Suzy Spencer (contest organizer) at ncsba.black.jar@gmail.com.