

## **Topsfield Historical Society Tree Age Guessing Contest Rules**

1. The Contest is open to children up to and including age 12. The age of the child making an entry must be provided by a consenting parent or guardian.
2. Contest entries must be made online via the Contest link at [TopsfieldHistory.org](http://TopsfieldHistory.org). Contest entries will be accepted beginning 12:00 AM April 14, 2017 and not be accepted after 12:00 AM May 15, 2017.
3. Each child in a family may enter only once and, in the one entry, guess the age for one or both of the trees. Separate entries may not be made for each tree. When an entry is submitted, a consent form for the use of the child's information will be emailed to the parent's or guardian's email address given in the contest entry. The consent form must be signed by a parent or guardian and either: mailed to the Topsfield Historical Society at Tree Contest, Topsfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 323, Topsfield, MA 01983 or, scanned into an electronic copy (.doc or .pdf format) and emailed to [TreeContest@TopsfieldHistory.org](mailto:TreeContest@TopsfieldHistory.org).
4. Signed consent forms that are mailed to the Topsfield Historical Society must be postmarked on or before May 20, 2017. Signed consent forms that are emailed must be received at [TreeContest@TopsfieldHistory.org](mailto:TreeContest@TopsfieldHistory.org) by 5pm on May 20, 2017. The Topsfield Historical Society is not responsible for any personal, electronic or other failures that cause the consent form to not be received by the parent, not received by the parent in time to sign and return by the deadline or for the signed consent form to not be received by the deadline by the Topsfield Historical Society
5. A signed consent form must be submitted for each child's entry by the child's parent or legal guardian. Contest entries for which no signed consent form has been received by the contest deadline will not be valid and will be discarded. NO information about the entry or the child's name will be retained in that case.
6. The child's parent or legal guardian is responsible for submitting the signed consent form by the contest deadline. By signing the form, the parent or legal guardian is certifying that he or she is the legal parent or guardian and has the authority to allow the Topsfield Historical Society to use the child's personal information as submitted.
7. A current year \$35 family membership (from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018) will be awarded to the family of a child who has submitted an entry and for which a signed consent form has been received by the deadline. Only one paid family membership will be awarded per family. Current paid members will receive a paid family membership for the next Membership year.
8. The age of each tree will be determined by Meyer Tree Service and/or a qualified arborist for the purposes of determining correct entries. This determination will be final.

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9. All valid entries with a correct guess of the age of a tree will be entered into a random drawing for that tree. There will be two random drawings for each tree based on the age of the child, one for children eight and under and the other for children ages 9 to 12. The first two names picked from each random drawing for each tree and each age group will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate from the Essex County Co-op. Entries will be eligible to win only one certificate. A winning contestant for the first tree for which a drawing is made will not be eligible to participate in the drawings for the second tree even though the contestant may have also correctly guessed the age of the second tree.

10. Gift Certificates issued by the Essex County Co-op will be awarded to winning contestants as follows:

<b>Age</b>	<b>Ash Tree</b>	<b>Oak Tree</b>
Up to age 8	2 @ \$25	2 @ \$25
From 9 to 12	2 @ \$25	2 @ \$25

11. No more than one certificate per child will be awarded although more than one child per family may win a certificate. The chosen winners will be final.

12. The age of the trees will be announced at the Topsfield Historical Society Strawberry Festival on June 10. The names of the winning contestants will also be announced at that time. Certificates will be awarded then but winners need not be present at the announcement to receive their certificate. Winners who are not present will receive their certificate by mail after June 14.

13. If a child's valid entry wins a certificate, the signed consent form will also comprise an agreement by the parent or guardian for permission to use the child's name and photograph for publicity purposes, both in print, electronic and online form at the discretion of the Essex County Co-op and/or the Topsfield Historical Society.