

2024 MAPLE SUGARING SEASON

As fall ends with winter soon to follow, the Meesing Sugar bush sits quiet and empty. It won't be long, however, until the EE staff heads to the Sugarbush to begin the 2024 Maple Sugaring Season.



The 2023 Maple Sugaring Season was very successful with additional school groups visiting the sugarbush and two successful public day events. We started tapping trees on February 8 and had a consistent run of sap up until March 16 when the warming weather stopped the flow. On two public days a total of 402 people visited us and learned all about making Maple Syrup.

We hope you can make plans to join us this season! This will be our 47th year. We will require registration for visitors on one of two Saturdays in March the 2nd and the 9th, 2024. Each day will feature a tour of the Sugar bush including stops to learn about Native American and early pioneer methods of making maple syrup, our evaporator process and methods of identifying and tapping a maple tree. We will also be cooking our world famous pancakes to taste with Meesing syrup. Cost: \$6/adult and \$4/children under 12; **all tree sponsors receive passes for up to 4 people to attend free of charge.**

Scout Groups will be allowed to register for either of the two Saturdays. **Registration is required for any of the programs no later than the Thursday before the program.**

Dates set for group programs in the Sugarbush are Monday, February 26 through Friday, March 8. All groups interested in scheduling a tour should call the Center to set aside a time block. Each program takes 1 ½ to 2 hours and includes learning about maple sugaring from the earliest methods used by Native Americans to present day collection/evaporation techniques. The group will also tap a maple tree and take home a sample of sweet maple syrup. Cost: \$5/participant, spaces fill up fast, so please register early. The Sugarbush is located 5.5 miles north of Marshalls Creek on Creek Rd. For more information call (570)629-3061, Monday through Friday, from 8am to 4:30pm.

Sponsor a Maple Tree

In 2023, 200 different groups, families and individuals sponsored trees in our Sugarbush. These sponsorships raised over \$5,000.00 which was used to help pay the expenses for our group tours of the Sugarbush and support our Environmental Education programs. We are hoping that in 2024 even more people will help us by sponsoring a tree.

For \$25/tree each sponsor receives a pint of our fresh maple syrup, a handsome certificate, free admission to one of our Public Day Programs on Saturday, March 2 or 9, for up to four people and a map showing the location of your tree in our Sugarbush. Don't miss this opportunity to become involved with one of our most popular programs. Call the office or complete and return the Sponsor Form below by Friday, February 23, 2024 to become a sponsor. A tree sponsorship also makes a great gift!



Maple Tree Sponsor Form



Checks should be made payable to:
Monroe County Conservation District
(M.C.C.D.)

Your Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Please check this box to sign up for our Sponsor a Maple Tree Email List

If Gift, Recipient's Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone _____

For gift, please check one: Send letter/certificate to: Me or Gift Recipient

How many trees would you like to sponsor? ____ (\$25 per tree)

Please return to: Monroe County Conservation District
8050 Running Valley Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Each year around 250 maple trees are tapped in Meesing's Sugarbush. Become part of our sugaring program by sponsoring a maple tree this year!