

# 2025 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 Sugar bush to begin the 2025 Maple Sugaring Season.



The 2024 Maple Sugaring Season was busy in the sugar bush as school groups, homeschools and the public made the trip to the sugar bush to learn all about maple syrup. We started tapping trees on February 8<sup>th</sup> and had off & on sap runs until March 12<sup>th</sup> when the warming weather stopped the flow. While it was rainy on both public days over 350 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 48<sup>th</sup> year. We will require pre-registration for visitors on one of two Saturdays in March—the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 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 Sugar bush are Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 Sugar bush is located 5.5 miles north of Marshalls Creek on Creek Road in Delaware State Forest. For more information, call (570) 629-3061, Monday through Friday, from 8am to 4:30pm.

## Sponsor-a-Maple Tree

In 2024, 192 different groups, families, and individuals sponsored trees in our Sugar bush. These sponsorships raised over \$4,800 which was used to help pay the expenses for our group tours of the Sugar bush and support our growing Environmental Education programs. We are hoping that in 2025 even more people will help us by sponsoring a maple 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 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>, for up to four people and a map showing the location of your tree in our Sugar bush. 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to become a tree sponsor.



**A tree sponsorship also makes a great gift! ☺**

## Maple Tree Sponsor Form



Checks should be made payable to:  
Monroe County Conservation District (MCCD)



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



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