

Sugar Camp Days 2023 Schedule of Events

Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19, 2023

Ongoing Activities around the Sugar Bush

Traditional and Modern syrup making demonstrations:

Sugar bush: 8:30am to 3pm

Observe traditional methods of cooking maple sap, and visit the sugar house to see the modern method of syrup-cooking using an evaporator pan heated with wood.

Blacksmith Demonstration:

Sauk Trail Shelter in the sugar bush: 9am to 2pm (*weather permitting*)

Watch the old-time skill of heating and shaping iron.

Maple kettle corn:

Outside the sugar house: 10am to 3pm (*weather permitting*)

Watch as this delicious snack is cooked over an open fire. Kettle corn is available for purchase.

Ice carving:

Outside the Glenn Bauer Shelter: 9am

Watch as blocks of ice are transformed into sparkling works of winter art!

Walking tours of the sugar bush:

10am, 11am, noon, 1pm and 2pm

Learn how to identify a maple tree, find out how to tap and when, and discover how sap is transformed into sweet syrup. Naturalist-led tours begin from the Glenn Bauer Shelter and last about 30 minutes.

All-You-Can-Eat pancake & sausage breakfast:

Provided by the New Carlisle Lions Club

Glenn Bauer Shelter: 8am to 12pm

\$9 / person

\$5 / kids age 6-12

Free / kids age 5 and under

Horse-drawn wagon rides:

9am to 2pm (*weather permitting*)

The wagon will run between the Glenn Bauer Shelter and the Sugar House every few minutes. Donations accepted!

Concessions:

Sauk Trail Shelter: 9am to 2pm

Maple hot dogs, as well as other treats and beverages for sale (a fund-raiser by the Friends of Bendix Woods and Spicer Lake.)

Family Fun at the Studebaker Shelter

Historical demonstrations:

9:30am to 2:30pm

See demonstrations of pewter casting, wool spinning, and rag rug making.

Candle dipping demonstration:

9am to 3pm (*weather permitting*)

Join in this pioneer craft and make your own candle to take home.

Meet a forester:

9am to 3pm, Saturday only (*weather permitting*)

A forest expert from Davey Resources will introduce you to the wonder of trees!

Stroll on down to the Nature Center

Tasty treats:

9am to 3pm

Purchase maple cotton candy, syrup and maple baked goods. While you're there, take the maple syrup taste test!

Kids' Crafts:

9am to 3pm

Make a modern version of a traditional pioneer toy.

Family Music:

12:30 to 2:30pm

Tap your toes and clap along to the music of The Hillsiders.

Cooking Demonstration:

10am to 12pm

Chefs Suzanne and Sophia will showcase some of the delicious ways to use maple syrup in cooking, and will provide free samples of their creations!