

# Sugar Camp Days 2018 Schedule of Events

Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18, 2018

## Ongoing Activities around the Sugar Bush

### **Native American sugar-making demonstration:**

Sugar bush: 8:30am to 3pm

Observe the traditional Native American hot-stone method of cooking maple sap into sugar. See a display of traditional storage and cooking vessels, freshly cooked examples of Native American foods sweetened with maple sugar as well as a range of dehydrated storage foods.

### **Pioneer and Modern syrup making demonstrations:**

Sugar bush: 8:30am to 3pm

See how syrup was made by the pioneers in the 1800s using cast iron kettles and sample some pioneer sugar camp foods. 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

Hear the story of how maple syrup might have been discovered, learn how to identify a maple tree, and find out how to tap and when. Naturalist-led tours begin from the Glenn Bauer Shelter and last about 30 minutes.

### **Pancake & sausage breakfast:**

Provided by the New Carlisle Lions Club

Glenn Bauer Shelter: 8am to 1pm

Adults: \$8; Children 6-11 years old: \$4; Children 5 and under: free

**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 sloppy joes and maple hot dogs, as well as other treats and beverages for sale (a fundraiser by the Friends of Bendix Woods and Spicer Lake.)

**Family Fun in the Studebaker Shelter****Historical demonstrations:**

9:30am to 2:30pm

See demonstrations of pewter casting, wood carving, wool spinning, rag rug making, soap making, gourd carving and quilting.

**Pioneer Toys:**

9:30am to 2:30pm

Play with toys that pioneer children enjoyed years ago: ball-and-cup, tic-tac-toe, climbing bears and more!

**Candle dipping demonstration:**

9am to 3pm (*weather permitting*)

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

**Stroll on down to the Nature Center****Kids' Tree Climb:**

Outside the Nature Center: 10am to 3pm (*weather permitting*)

Davey Resources will provide a harnessed tree climb for kids!

**Tasty treats:**

9am to 3pm

Take the maple syrup taste test and try a free sample of a special maple treat. Purchase maple cotton candy, syrup and maple baked goods.

**Kids' Craft**

9am to 3pm

Show your love of all things maple by making a fun maple leaf headband to wear!

**Story Corner**

Saturday, 10am and 1pm

Special guests from the St. Joseph County Public Library will share maple storybooks for kids.

**Maple Cooking Demonstration**

Sunday, 10:30am to 12:30pm

Chef April from Martin's Supermarket will be demonstrating some unique ways to cook with maple syrup. Stop by for a free sample!

**Live Music**

11:00am to 1:00pm

Stop by to listen to and join in on some toe-tapping, sing-along music. Fun for the whole family!