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Dear Future Sugar Camp Days Sponsor,

St. Joseph County Parks is seeking out sponsorships for our largest interpretive special event, Sugar Camp Days, hosted annually at Bendix Woods County Park. Held the third weekend in March, this event offers a chance for families to experience the sights and sounds of the time-honored tradition of making maple syrup.

Activities include demonstrations on tapping trees, cooking sap into syrup, Native American and pioneer cooking styles, tours of the sugar bush, living history demonstrations and horse drawn wagon rides. Scores of volunteers assist with the weekend events and the New Carlisle Lion's Club hosts an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast (with *real* maple syrup) to help support their philanthropic activities.

St. Joseph County Parks Department invites you to participate in this community event by becoming a sponsor of the Sugar Camp Days Festival. For 2009 we were fortunate to receive \$2,030 in sponsorships. Over 3,100 visitors experienced Sugar Camp Days which was enhanced by the sponsorships received. Our goal is to meet or exceed the sponsorships received last year. Several suggested contribution levels are listed on the following page. All sponsorships may be tax deductible and funds support the event, helping to ensure Sugar Camp Days' continuation in years to come.

Bendix Woods County Park is located on the corner of Highway 2 and Timothy Road in New Carlisle, Indiana. It has several shelters available for rental, a beautiful playground facility, over four miles of winding wooded trails and a state-dedicated nature preserve. It also offers a variety of outdoor activities and environmental education programs.

With sincere appreciation for your time and consideration,

Leslie Witkowski  
Interpretive Services Assistant Manager, St. Joseph County Parks



*Visitors wait patiently outside the sugar house to see maple syrup being made.*

P.S. Making maple syrup in the Fay Hooton Sugar House at Bendix Woods has been a community tradition for over 30 years. Please, join us in sharing this sweet tradition, annually, with Michiana families.



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**YES!** I would like to help sponsor Sugar Camp Days at Bendix Woods County Park in New Carlisle, Indiana. My sponsorship will be in the amount of:

- \$100** Sponsors receive:
- 2 festival entrance passes
  - recognition on a Sugar Camp Days sponsor banner
- \$250** Sponsors receive:
- 3 festival entrance passes
  - 6 tickets to the all-you-can eat pancake and sausage breakfast
  - recognition on a Sugar Camp Days sponsor banner
- \$500** Sponsors receive:
- 5 festival entrance passes
  - 10 tickets to the all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast
  - maple syrup gift basket, complete with:
    - 3 pints of pure maple syrup
    - maple candy
    - maple syrup cookbook
    - maple syrup coloring book
  - recognition on a Sugar Camp Days sponsor banner
- Other \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*In order for your company name to appear on the sponsor banner, please have your sponsorship to us no later than March 8, 2010. Thank You!*

**Sponsor or Business Contact**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**A letter of appreciation and acknowledgement will be mailed promptly to the address listed above. Please retain this letter for tax-related purposes.**

*Please make checks payable to the St. Joseph County Parks. Checks can be mailed to Bendix Woods County Park, Attn: Sugar Camp Days Sponsorship, 32132 State Road 2, New Carlisle, IN 46552*

All sponsors, no matter what level, will receive recognition in the St. Joseph County Parks Department Spring Activity Guide (distributed to thousands of local businesses, community groups and residents).