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Maple Sugaring Days on tap: March 6 and 13

GENEVA, IL — The sweetest spot in all of Kane County will be Brewster Creek Forest Preserve on March 6, when the Forest Preserve District hosts the first of two “Maple Sugaring Days” from 1-4 p.m.

During “Maple Sugaring Days,” everyone’s invited to come learn the time-honored tradition of maple tapping. Forest Preserve naturalists will show how to tap a maple tree, and you’ll have the opportunity to try your hand at drilling and setting a tap. We’ll simmer sap over an open fire and watch as it thickens to syrup. Plus, join us on “Sugarin’ Time” hikes to learn to distinguish maples from other species of hardwood trees.

On March 13, the program moves to Johnson’s Mound Forest Preserve in Elburn. Bring the family to one or both of these fun-filled events.

“These programs are sweet!” exclaims Valerie Blaine. “Literally sweet. Everyone will get a chance to watch a maple tree being tapped and to see the first drops of maple sap dripping into a bucket. We’ll have hands-on activities and demonstrations, from practice drilling to spile-making and sap simmering,” she said. Blaine is nature programs manager for the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.

“Maple Sugaring is a springtime tradition for many families,” added Laurie Metanchuk, Forest Preserve director of community affairs. These programs are among our most popular. Plus, after such a snowy winter, it’ll be great to get outdoors and see a true sign that spring and warmer weather are on the way,” she said.

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Brewster Creek Forest Preserve is located at 6N921 Rte. 25 in St. Charles. Johnson's Mound is located at 41W600 Hughes Rd., in Elburn.

For more information on Maple Sugaring Days, call (847) 741-8350 or visit www.kaneforest.com.

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