Backyard Maple Syrup Production Workshop February 3rd, 2018 10:00am

The third annual backyard maple syrup production workshop will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 10am-noon at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center, located at 354 State Highway 145 N, Simpson, IL 62985. This program is free and open to the public.

Chris Evans, University of Illinois Extension Forester, will cover tree identification, equipment needs, tree tapping, sap collection, boiling, and finishing maple syrup. Participants will see firsthand the processes involved in making maple syrup. We will have a demonstration of a syrup evaporator and an optional tour of a sugarbush forest, managed for maple syrup production and utilizing a pipeline system of sap collection.

The University of Illinois Extension will provide some activities for kids, including taste testing of real maple syrup!



Come see firsthand the entire process of maple syrup production!

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please RSVP by February 2, 2018 by calling the Ag Center office at 618-695-2441, please indicate if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program.

For more information: Chris Evans— <u>cwevans@illinois.edu</u>, 618-695-3383 Bronwyn Aly— <u>baly@illinois.edu</u>, 618-252-8391



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