

**University of Minnesota Duluth - Recreation Sports Outdoor Program**

# Maple Syruping

**Monday, March 31, 2008 4-6pm**

As the days become longer and the sun warms the air, the sap begins to flow in the maple trees – it's syruping time. Discover how we can take what trees produce and make delicious syrup or even sugar.

## HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT:

We will be spending the whole 2 hours outside in the maple forest learning how to collect and process sap into syrup. Everyone will have the opportunity to practice identifying trees, tapping them, and collecting the sap. Then the final taste test - is real syrup better than Mrs. Butterworth's?

## WHERE:

Meet in the Lobby of the UMD Sports and Health Center. We will then walk over to Bagley Nature Area and the maple forest.

## TOPICS:

- Tree identification
- How to collect sap
- History
- Processing the sap to make syrup or sugar

## WHAT TO BRING:

You need to be prepared to be outside for the entire time. Expect potentially deep snow, so wear good boots, protective pants, and warm hat & mittens.

## THE OUTDOOR PROGRAM PROVIDES:

We provide all necessary tools and equipment to participate in tapping and collecting sap. Written materials will be provided.

## COST:

\$3 for UMD Students/ \$6 Others

## REGISTER BY:

Noon, March 28<sup>th</sup>



## GOALS:

- Enjoy an early spring afternoon
- Learn how to identify trees in winter
- Practice tapping and collecting sap from maple trees

## EXPLORE MORE WITH THE OUTDOOR PROGRAM:

- Earth Day Color and Cloth April 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm
- Wild Edibles Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> from 3-5pm
- Check out our website for upcoming programs!

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