



Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College

Sugar Bush Program Information 2009

Location:	Yoder Sugar Bush 2427 Chapman Road, Huntertown, IN; 1 mile south of the DeKalb County line in Allen County
Timeline:	
January to mid February	Season preparation, Saturday work days.
February 14, 10 am – 4 pm	Tapping Day.
February 16, 9 am -1 pm	Training Day at Yoder Sugar Bush Farm. Open to all volunteers, especially important for teaching and program support volunteers. Dress warmly – some time will be spent outdoors. A pancake and maple syrup lunch will be served.
February 17 to March 27	Program Days. Students at the Sugar Bush
March 21, 10 am - 2 pm	Sugar Bush Open House. Volunteers needed as we host the public.
March 28	Clean-up Day.
Volunteer tasks:	
Teaching	Provide instruction for students (primarily K-5) in history of syrup making, tree tapping, sap gathering, syrup production and more. All teaching volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend the annual training day. Teachers need to be able to communicate well with children.
Program support	Provide assistance with the daily program, build and tend fires, split wood, help with program preparations, help with lunchtime activities, etc.
Production support	Gather sap in the late afternoon and on weekends; assist with setting up the sugar bush in February and closing it in March.
Seeking donations	Help find donations of quart and pint mason jars and rings for canning syrup. Collect coats, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks. These are loaned to children who arrive underdressed for weather conditions in the sugar bush
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