



City of Kingston Parks and Recreation

Environmental Education Program

2017-2018 Registration Information

Maple Sugaring at Hasbrouck Park

Program Description



FAST FACTS:

What: Maple Sugaring

When: 9:30am-12:30pm

*Where: Hasbrouck Park *NOTE NEW LOCATION*

Who: Grades 3rd and up

Cost: Fees are waived for programs held in 2016-2017 for Ulster County Schools.

Support from: Office of Children and Family Services, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

New York State is the second largest maple producing state in America. Forty gallons of that sweet water “sap” from sugar maple trees becomes one decadent gallon of pure maple syrup and this program demonstrates how. Program includes:

- History and legend about maple syrup discovery
- Sugar maple tree identification
- Techniques for tapping, collection, storage, processing
- Samples of sap and syrup from on-site demonstration sugaring process
- Tree tapping
- Maple Syrup Taste Test Challenge

Program at a Glance

9:30-10:00am Transport students to Hasbrouck Park from school (*if needed)

10:00-12:00pm Maple Sugaring Program

12:00-12:30pm Transport students back to school (*if needed)

Program Details

The maple sugaring program will take place both indoors and outdoors at Hasbrouck Park’s Stone Building. Program will include a short walk into the Hasbrouck Park forest to visit sugar maple trees and see the sugaring process. Depending on the ground conditions, this portion may take place on foot or on snowshoes (which will be provided if needed). All participants should



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wear very warm clothes as we will be outdoors for a good portion of the program. Temperatures can range from 10-60 degrees, depending on the time of day, so please dress accordingly. There is also often snow or slush on the ground, so participants should wear boots with warm socks. Full bathrooms will be available.

Adult chaperones are certainly welcome and encouraged. We require a minimum of 2 adults to attend with the class, and a minimum of a 12 to 1 ratio of students to adults at the program site. Adult chaperones should meet us at Hasbrouck Park (in addition to the one adult required to ride with the students in the bus, if using). Adults should definitely come prepared to be hands on and engaged in the program as we will need assistance throughout the program.

Transportation:

If you have your own transportation: Please arrive at Hasbrouck Park, at the Stone Building near the lower lot at 10:00am.

Directions to Hasbrouck Park:

From the Kingston Thruway Traffic Circle, take Route 587 (Locally called Colonial Chandler Drive) towards Broadway/Kingston. At the stop light, proceed straight onto Broadway. Follow Broadway to the Eighth light. Take a left at Stewart's onto Delaware Avenue. Follow Delaware Avenue over the Route 9W overpass and veer to the right. ½ mile on your right just past the Kingston Business Park is the entrance to Hasbrouck Park. There is a lower and upper parking area. You will know you missed Hasbrouck Park if you descend a steep hill.

*****If you need transportation***:** The Parks and Recreation Department is able to provide transportation as a collaboration with Kingston Citibus at a fee of \$1 per student. Adults are free. We will pick up your class at 9:30am at the Front Door of your school. The \$1 per student transportation fee is due by cash or check made payable to The City of Kingston upon their arrival.

In the event of inclement weather, we will call the school that morning to make any cancellations. At that point, we will offer another reschedule date if one is available. If you need to cancel for any reason, please call the Recreation Department as soon as possible at (845) 481-7339 (Julie Noble's number).

The environmental educator(s) will be engaging the students in the outdoor learning environment and an appropriate code of conduct is expected from each participant:

Classroom teachers will be present for entire program



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- All discipline issues will be addressed by classroom teachers
- Any student or chaperone who is disrupting the program may be asked to leave
- Use of cell phones and texting is not permitted
- Safety is of utmost priority

This is an outdoor education experience, but should be treated the same as any learning experience, that is hands-on, interactive and fun. Inappropriate behavior will result in a loss of the privilege to participate in the program.

If there are any questions, concerns or changes, the teacher should contact:

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