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CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION works to conserve, protect and improve the natural resources and environment of Connecticut. The

DEP owns and jointly operates the Goodwin Center with CFPA. www.ct.gov/dep/Goodwin.

COURSE INSTRUCTORS: Steve Broderick, Forster and Program Director at the Goodwin Center, will be the primary instructor. Broderick is a life member of the Maple Syrup Producers Association of CT and has made syrup himself for nearly 30 years. He will be joined by veteran maple syrup producing members of the MSPAC.

Connecticut Forest & Park Association
16 Meriden Road
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Introducing a short course:

PRODUCING QUALITY MAPLE SYRUP

*Goodwin Forest Conservation
Education Center
Hampton CT
December 2, 9 & 12, 2009*



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Producing Quality Maple Syrup: a short course

Want to try your hand at making maple syrup? Then join us for a 3-part course on becoming a maple sugarmaker at the Goodwin Forest Conservation Education Center. This soup-to-nuts course will include a written manual and cover such topics as the health and management of maple trees, tapping, collecting & storing sap, and making and packaging syrup, with an emphasis on quality control throughout the process. Whether you want to make a few gallons or run a commercial operation, this course will provide the fundamentals essential to making a good, consistent and delicious product.



COURSE OUTLINE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 7:00–9:15 P.M.
(SNOW DATE DECEMBER 3)

- Introduction, history of maple production
- Planning your operation: time & cost considerations, purchasing equipment
- Tree health and management: species to tap, tree health issues, managing forest trees vs. roadside trees
- Why, when and how sap flows
- The tapping process

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 7:00-9:15 P.M.
(SNOW DATE DECEMBER 10)

- Collection & storage of sap
 - Types of collection systems
 - Tubing materials, layout, maintenance & cleaning
 - Filtering and handling to maintain quality
- Syrup production
 - Evaporator function, design, operation
 - Finishing standard density syrup
 - Filtering, grading, packaging
 - Marketing your products

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 9:00-11:30 A.M.
(SNOW DATE DECEMBER 19)

Field session: visit to a managed sugarbush and sugarhouse, review all of the above.



DIRECTIONS: From the Hartford area: take I-84 east to I-384 east to Route 6 east. The Goodwin Center is located off of Route 6 at 23 Potter Road in Hampton, CT, on the southern edge of the Goodwin State Forest. From the intersection of Routes 6 and 198 in Chaplin, go east 3.1 miles further on Route 6 and take a left onto Potter Road. **From the east:** from the intersection of Routes 6 and 97 in Hampton, go west 1.4 miles and take a right onto Potter Road.

REGISTRATION FORM

Maple Syrup Short Course
Goodwin Forest Conservation Center
December 2009

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Pre-registration is required. Registration fee for the 3-part course is \$40, and covers refreshments and handout/reference materials, including a copy of the North American Maple Syrup Producers Manual. Please complete and return this form with a check made out to "CFPA" to:

Maple Syrup Short Course
c/o CT Forest & Park Association
16 Meriden Road
Rockfall, CT 06481

OR

Register online at www.ctwoodlands.org

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