



SHELBURNE FARMS

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Maple Sugaring Celebration at Shelburne Farms this Weekend

On Sunday, March 19, Shelburne Farms is hosting its annual celebration of all things maple. At this “Maple Sugaring Celebration,” 9:30 am to 2 pm, the public is invited to explore the sugarbush and experience this magical – and important – piece of Vermont’s working forest landscape. The public can taste the syrup, tap a tree, sample “sugar on snow” around an outdoor campfire, empty traditional sap buckets into the bulk tank that feeds the Farm’s educational sugar house, and watch steam rise off the thickening sap as it boils in the evaporator. In addition, Outreach for Earth Stewardship, a nonprofit wildlife education and rehabilitation facility, will be in the sugarbush from 10 am to 2 pm with live birds of prey on hand, answering questions and sharing the mysteries of these winged ambassadors.

From 9 am to 1 pm that same Sunday, the Shelburne Explorers 4-H Club will be serving up pancakes, sausages, and syrup at their annual pancake breakfast in the McClure Education Center at the Farm Barn. Breakfast proceeds help support the club’s Dairy project, including a summer of showing calves at regional agricultural fairs.

The Maple Sugaring Celebration is free. The pancake breakfast is \$8/adult; \$4/child. The event is held rain, snow, or shine. It is made possible thanks to many generous volunteers, including Charlotte-Shelburne Rotary. For information, please visit www.shelburnefarms.org.

Be sure to visit other sugar houses across Vermont the following weekend, March 25 and 26, during Vermont’s statewide “Maple Open House Weekend.”

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Shelburne Farms is a nonprofit organization educating for a sustainable future, which means learning that links knowledge, inquiry, and action to help students build a healthy future for their communities and the planet. Shelburne Farms’ campus is a 1,400-acre working farm, forest, and National Historic Landmark.