

SAV 101 Maple Syrup Production Workshop Syllabus

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Workshop Introduction: SAV 101 is a five hour introductory workshop about maple syrup fundamentals for those who wish to produce their own syrup. The workshop takes place when syrup is being made, allowing the workshop participant to gain a firsthand view of the production process, and answer many commonly asked questions related to sugar bush management and maple syrup production.

Workshop Description: The workshop focuses on small and medium scale maple syrup production and sugar bush management.

Areas that the workshop will touch on include, but not limited to:

- Practical sugar bush management
- How to identify and tap sugar maple trees.
- Collecting and storing sap.
- Historical and modern methods of boiling sap into maple syrup
- Grading and packaging maple syrup.
- Equipment and processing tools.

Workshop Objectives: Upon the satisfactory completion of the workshop and experiences provided in the workshop, the individual should expect to be able to:

- Maintain a healthy sugar bush & identify and tap sugar trees.
- Collect and store sap, process into syrup, and bottle.
- Decide on equipment and setup appropriate to your bush / time / energy / budget.
- Produce and bottle the best quality syrup possible.
- Apply business management principals to market maple syrup products.

Workshop Agenda:

- 9:30 Farm Arrival, registration in log house
- 10:00 Workshop introduction and overview Slide presentation
- 10:30 Sugar Bush Lot Management- Mike Walsh MNR Forest Stewardship Network
- 11:00 Small scale equipment presentation-Peter Kidd Sunridge Home Hardware
- 11:30 Walk to sugar shack – Sugar shack operations
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Guided tour of sugar bush – new and historical methods
- 3:30 Informal discussion
- 4:00 Departure

Workshop Cost: \$30 per person, limit 20 people per course