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Tap Into Tradition:
Maple Sugaring Days are March 7-8 at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve

GENEVA, IL — Celebrate all things maple at the Forest Preserve District of Kane County’s Maple Sugaring Days, March 7-8, from noon to 3 p.m. at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve in St. Charles.

Watch Forest Preserve naturalists demonstrate how to tap a maple tree, then try drilling and setting your own tap. See sap simmer over an open fire, as it thickens to syrup, and learn about the history of maple sugaring. Don’t forget to visit the Maple Café for a variety of treats, including maple donuts, maple-drizzled frozen custard and cozy, hot beverages.

Back by popular demand, Riverlands Brewing Company returns with an exclusive brown ale, *Maple River*, brewed in collaboration with the Kane Forest Preserve Foundation. The craft brew features locally-sourced maple syrup from Driftless Gold, located just across the Wisconsin border. Syrup will be available for purchase, while supplies last.

The beer honors the centuries-old tradition of maple sugaring, and will be available for purchase inside the tent at Maple Sugaring Days. A portion of the proceeds will benefit nature education and other initiatives supported by the Kane Forest Preserve Foundation.

Within the heated tent, visitors can also enjoy live acoustic music by local musician Jamey Darnold.

Thank you to event sponsors, Culver’s in St. Charles, Original Country Donuts Elgin and the Kane Forest Preserve Foundation.

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No registration is required for Maple Sugaring Days and admission is free. LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve is located at 37W700 Dean St., St. Charles.

For more information on Maple Sugaring Days, call 630-444-3190, visit www.kaneforest.com, or find the Forest Preserve District of Kane County on social media by searching @forestpreserve.

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