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Maple Madness & CNC Expo at Cincinnati Nature Center

Come ring in spring at Cincinnati Nature Center's Maple Madness & CNC Expo on Saturday, March 12 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy a guided hike through the sugarbush, syrup making demonstration, and a free sampling of nature's own maple syrup in the Sugar House. Participate in a variety of fun activities including early local pioneer history in the cabin, Krippendorf Lodge tours and talks, a family scavenger hunt and crossword. Maple Madness offers fun educational opportunities including log tapping and maple trail hikes to show visitors of all ages first-hand the historical importance of maple trees in Ohio's past.

Jason Neumann, Experiential Education Specialist, says, "The hands-on experience of helping to collect sap, walking into the sugar house with the steaming evaporator and the smell of the warm maple filled air, and then savoring a taste of warm golden maple syrup borders on magical. It's total sensory emersion, and it is sweet!"

In addition to all the maple madness activities, Cincinnati Nature Center will host a CNC Expo to showcase what CNC has to offer. The Expo will include NatureVersity, Not Too Extreme Nature, CincyNature Camps, Children's Programs, Hike For Your Health, Nature Playscape, Herpetology Club, Astronomy Club and more! With crafts, games, songs, and demonstrations, it is sure to be a blast. The Herpetology Club will also be on hand with live reptiles including a 20 foot python!

"The CNC Expo will provide the opportunity for everyone to participate in some of our entertaining and educational activities that are a part of what we do here at CNC," said Bill Hopple, CNC Executive Director. "The Expo also provides an opportunity for our community to get a better understanding of the array of programs and events that we offer" he added.

Maple Madness & CNC Expo is free to Cincinnati Nature Center members; non-members pay daily admission fees of \$8 per adult and \$3 per child.

For more information, visit the program and events calendar at www.CincyNature.org or call 513/831-1711. Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods is located at 4949 Tealtown Road, Milford, OH 45150.

Cincinnati Nature Center is a non-profit, environmental education organization. Its mission is to inspire passion for nature and promote environmentally responsible choices through experience, education and stewardship to ensure a sustainable future.

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