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Returning After 3-Years: Celebrate Spring and Maple Syruping with Maple Syrup Fest

Monona, WI. Come one, come all to Aldo Leopold Nature Center's unique and unforgettable celebration of the season – it's Maple Syrup Fest! This free, family-friendly event offers a blend of indoor and outdoor activities found nowhere else in Madison. Stations throughout the nature center grounds will lead visitors – at their own pace – through the history and science of maple syruping in Wisconsin and beyond. Visitors will learn when and how to tap trees for sap, can sample real Wisconsin maple syrup, and test their skills at identifying the real deal. Maple ice cream sundaes will be available for a fee. Mark your calendars today for our sticky sweet kick-off to spring!

Activities include:

- Tasting REAL maple tree sap
- Testing your *nature smarts* with maple syrup trivia
- Learning how maple syrup is made
- Touring the rustic Children's Shack
- Discovering the legend behind maple syrup
- Imagining farm life in the 1800s
- Watching maple syrup cooking demonstrations
- And for a fee...enjoy ice cream topped with real Wisconsin maple syrup

This event is FREE and open to the public. FREE parking is available at Ahuska Park (400 E. Broadway) with a FREE shuttle, that will run every 15-20 minutes. Food carts will be available on site for a fee.

Many thanks to our 2023 Partners for making this event possible, including Wisconsin Public Radio!

Location: Aldo Leopold Nature Center, 330 Femrite Drive, Monona

Date/Time: Saturday, March 18, 2023 • 1 - 4 pm

Fee: **FREE** and Open to the Public • Walk-ins Welcome

Information: www.aldoleopoldnaturecenter.org or (608) 221-0404 x 1.

Aldo Leopold Nature Center (ALNC) is a private, not-for-profit educational organization dedicated to the conservation land ethic of Aldo Leopold. The Aldo Leopold Nature Center's mission is to engage and educate current and future generations, empowering them to respect, protect and enjoy the natural world. ALNC provides hands-on environmental programming for school children and their families, reaching tens of thousands of people annually.

In addition, ALNC sponsors Nature Net: the Environmental Learning Network, which promotes environmental education for children by organizing collaborative networks of nature centers throughout Wisconsin.

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