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LEARN THE ART OF MAKING SWEET MAPLE SYRUP
Free hands-on activity demonstrates how to make your own at home

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Making maple syrup is easier than you may think. With the help of the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation staff, volunteers, and Hart Beet Farm, you can learn how to turn gallons of pure sap into edible sweet syrup. Join us from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 9, for Hands-On Heritage:

Making Maple Syrup at The Historic Daniel Boone Home near Defiance. Admission is free to this popular program.



Park staff have tapped the trees and gathered the liquid sap to demonstrate the historic process, which dates back to the 19th century. Guests can view the antique equipment used during that period and ask questions to the frontiersmen and women leading the program.

Guests also will learn the modern-day method of making maple syrup with Hart Beet Farm, a small, diversified farm in Eolia, MO, that grows a variety of clean gardening and food production. They will showcase the equipment they use to turn 40 gallons of sap into one gallon of edible maple syrup. A variety of delicious syrups will be available for purchase.

The program is free, educational, and open to all ages. For more information, call the parks department at 636-949-7535.

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About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department offers unique parks, diverse facilities and a broad range of programs and special events for all ages. The County currently operates 15 parks, including a Youth Activity Park and The Historic Daniel Boone Home.

For more information and specifics about each park, visit stccparks.org.

About St. Charles County

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. It is home to 15 scenic county parks encompassing more than 3,643 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 395,504, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently



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has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit sccmo.org.