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>Welcome Spring With A Visit To The 33rd Annual Maple Syrup Festival

@ Purple Woods Conservation Area

March Break (Sat. March 8th to Sun. March 16th) & Weekends (March 22nd/23rd)
(March 29th /30th)

Fun for the WHOLE family!

With the approach of spring a person may be sure of several things: birds will be singing and pancakes will be flipping at the 33rd Annual Maple Syrup Festival at Purple Woods Conservation Area in Oshawa. Central Lake Ontario Conservation will be hosting the Festival, open daily from 10:00am to 2:30pm during the March Break (March 8th to 16th), as well as March 22nd/23rd and March 29th/30th weekends. **A visit to the Festival makes a great family outing during the March Break!** General Admission: \$3/adult; \$2/child (12yrs and under) and seniors; \$7 family (2 adults & 3 children) (general admission does not include pancakes, or horse-drawn wagon ride). ***Sorry, no pets allowed at the Festival.*** Purple Woods Conservation Area is located on the southeast corner of Coates Road and Simcoe Street at the Oshawa/Scugog boundary.

For more Maple Syrup Festival information, the public may contact the Conservation Authority office at (905) 579-0411 or visit our website at www.cloca.com.

Visitors to the Festival will be able to compare maple syrup production methods from over 400 years ago through the modern methods of today. With many special features, there is something for the entire family. Special features include maple baked beans, horse-drawn wagon rides, historical displays and more. **A schedule of special features is located on the Authority's website www.cloca.com please check regularly for updates.** Do you have a sweet tooth? The Sugar Store will be open daily for visitors to purchase maple syrup and maple products such as sugar candy and fudge.

A visit to the Festival would not be complete without enjoying a stack of hot delicious pancakes covered in 100% pure maple syrup. Pancakes will be served daily from 10:00am – 2:30pm with the proceeds going to not-for-profit organizations.

Please join us in our efforts to reduce waste. Although paper plates and plastic utensils will be available we ask the public to bring reusable plates and utensils to enjoy your pancakes on, as well as bags to hold Sugar Store purchases.

Central Lake Ontario Conservation will be hosting the 4th Annual Food Drive/ Maple Sweet Treat Exchange during the March Break from Wednesday March 12th to Friday March 14th.

The public is asked to help support the community by bringing a non-perishable food item for the food drive. Food donations may be made at the festival's admission gate and in return, donors will receive a Maple Sweet Treat (one / per attending family member.)

During the festival, transportation will be available upon request for seniors and the physically challenged to eliminate the walk up the hill from the Sugar Shack to the main parking lot. Please inform Authority staff if you require this service.

Parking: The public is asked to please observe the **No Parking Zones** on Simcoe Street and Coates Road. These areas have been established to improve public safety at the intersection during the Festival.

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