Green Lane Park offers Maple Sugar Magic program;

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Norristown, PA (February 27, 2012) -- Montgomery County Commissioners and the county’s Parks and Heritage Services Department has announced its annual “Maple Sugar Magic” program at Green Lane Park. Parks and Heritage Services educators and volunteers will demonstrate the centuries-old process of making maple syrup and sugar from the sap of maple trees.

Maple sugaring is a uniquely North American tradition dating back to the 1500s, and has a prominent place in Native American and early American folklore. Witness the tapping of a maple tree, the boiling process at our evaporator, and learn about the tradition of the “sugaring off” party. Participants will also be able to compare the taste of real maple syrup with commercial pancake syrup.

“This is an ideal family outing,” said Josh Shapiro, chair of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. “Help us celebrate our 24th year of maple sugaring in the park, as our park staff take you through the process from ‘tree to table’.”

The program is offered free of charge, and is appropriate for all ages. Demonstrations will begin promptly at 11:00 am and 2:00 p.m. Scouts and other organized groups are welcome, but please contact us at 215-234-4528. The program will be held at the Hill Road Day Use Area, 2821 Hill Road, Green Lane.

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