



Maple Syrup Masters WORKSHOP SERIES

*An introduction to syrup making
and facility tours at a sugar shack near you!*

The Friends of Wagbo Sugarbush (FWSB) is a group of volunteers and supporters of the Maple Sugaring program at Wagbo Farm & Education Center in East Jordan. Our mission is to share the unique and remarkable “agri-cultural” tradition of Maple Sugaring with our community. This year Wagbo is collaborating with several local farms (small, medium and large) that are opening their doors for demonstrations and tours. Participants will get hands-on experience learning the ins & outs of syrup making from tapping to bottling and marketing. We are welcoming newbies and/or experienced folks to learn more about this longstanding craft and the diversity of sugaring systems in our region. See the schedule below:

Wednesday, February 22 - Wagbo Farm Sugar Bush @ 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Orientation & Tapping Trees hands-on demonstration, small scale (700 taps) located at 5745 N M-66, East Jordan, MI, ph: (231) 536-0333 Jen Lewis & Gabby Waterman.

Thursday, March 9 - The Maple Tree Sugar Bush @ 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Facility tour and demonstration of production on a medium scale (1400 taps) located at 1662 Morris Rd., East Jordan, MI, ph: (231) 675-2832 Josh Chamberlain.

Sunday, March 12 – Danu Hof Farm @ 1:00 pm to 3:00 p.m. – Demonstrating syrup production on a very small scale, located at 3775 Doerr Rd., Mancelona, ph: (517) 581-1055 Caitlyn McSweeney Steffes & Larry Steffes.

Thursday, March 16 - Harwood Gold @ 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Facility tour and demonstration of production on a large scale (12,000 taps), located at 61 Parsons Rd., Charlevoix, MI, ph: (231) 547-2038 Amber Carson.

Thursday, March 23 - Korthase Bros. Sugarbush @ 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Production on a medium scale (3,000 taps), located at 5180 Korthase Rd., Boyne City, MI, ph: (231) 582-6755 Randy and Bruce Korthase & Shane Rider.

Saturday, March 25 – Michigan Maple Weekend - many sugar shacks open their doors to the public. Go to <https://www.michiganmaple.org/michigan-maple-weekend> for an open house near you. Wagbo Farm’s Maple Open House will begin at 10:00 a.m.

These workshops are being hosted free of charge, but registration is strongly advised in order to keep you informed of date changes due to circumstances brought on by Mother Nature. Please register by e-mailing wagbo.wendy@gmail.com or message us on our Marthawagbo facebook page.