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Maple Festival Season in The Alleghenies

ALTOONA, PA – Maple harvest season is quickly approaching in The Alleghenies and surrounding areas. Celebrate this time honored tradition at state & local maple harvest festivals within The Alleghenies.

[66th Annual Pennsylvania Maple Festival](#), March 16-17&20-24, 2013; Meyersdale, PA. Festival Park is a place where guests discover the way country life was at the turn of the century. The complex is the heart of the Festival and is located on scenic Meyers Avenue. Festival Park features the Historic Meyers Homestead, an Antique Doctor's Office, The Cobbler's Shop, The Country Store, period re-enactors, and of course, the sugar camp. Demonstrations show how to tap a tree, boil sap into syrup, make sugar cakes, twirl spotza and sugar off. Don't forget the famous daily pancake & sausage breakfast hosted by the Lion's Club.

Festival events include craft vendors, live entertainment on the outside stage, plenty of food, antique/street rod auto shows, historical pageant, grand feature parade, Maple Spotza and the Kid's Corner.

Visitors are encouraged to visit Maple Festival Park, Historic Maple Manor and the Sugar Shack, for a sugar camp demonstration.

[Maple Harvest Festival and Pancake Breakfast at Shaver's Creek](#)- March 23-24, 2013, Shaver's Creek Environmental Center. Celebrate the first harvest of the New Year with Shaver's Creek in late March! Since 1984, Shaver's Creek has hosted the Maple Harvest Festival and Pancake Breakfast to help people learn about the maple sugaring process — both in colonial times and the present day.

At the festival guests can learn to identify and sugar maple trees and visit the Sugar Shack to see sap turned into syrup, watch costumed interpreters demonstrate sugaring techniques used by Native Americans, pioneers and modern-day farmers. Live music, storytelling, live birds of prey and reptile shows and all-you-can-eat pancake and maple syrup events round out the festival.

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