

Conservation Field Days Essay

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On a very beautiful, sunny, practically perfect day at Union Springs Middle School we stepped out of the school building and onto the school bus on our way to Conservation Field days. After a bus ride full of excitement, we got to Emerson Park's parking lot and we unloaded from the school bus and got ready for our upcoming adventure at Conservation Field Days.

While I enjoyed all the stations, the maple station taught me the most!

When I got to the maple syrup station, I learned how maple syrup is produced. There is only one ingredient in maple syrup and that is sap. You need 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup. That delicious syrup is produced in March and April but even in maple syrup season you need to find the right time of day with the right temperature, warm days and cool nights. Maple syrup is sweet and sugary but how sweet is it really ? 67% sugar makes it legally pure maple syrup. That's sweet!

Now that we know about the process of making maple syrup we learned even more ! We learned about maple syrup in our own state, New York. There are millions of dollars made in New York from Maple syrup. New York actually is the second highest producer of maple syrup in the United States of America ! Vermont is the first largest producer of maple syrup. You have to tap maple syrup but tapping maple syrup isn't as easy as you think, there are very strict tapping guidelines so the trees aren't hurt.

All the information that I got at the maple syrup station was sweet, just like maple syrup and taught to me at Conservation Field Days. The gorgeous sunny day at Conservation Field days slipped away from us and we went on to another day and when we woke up we had