

# Save the Date – Cornell Maple Camp August 25 to 28, 2011 at Cornell’s Arnot Teaching and Research Forest



The Cornell Maple Program is excited to announce a unique opportunity for maple producers to acquire hands-on experience to increase their production, profitability and efficiency. Peter Smallidge, Cornell Maple Program Director, reports that “this workshop is a unique experience and an unparalleled venue for focused and hands-on learning in a research and production setting. Participants will learn all aspects of production, processing and marketing.” In the

sugarbush, participants will learn how to measure and select trees, how to evaluate, plan and install a tubing system, and how to evaluate vacuum and bucket systems for efficiency. In the sugar house participants will learn about sap storage, reverse osmosis, evaporator operations, and syrup filtering, storage and grading. Further, participants learn to understand the principles of marketing syrup and value added products, making value-added products, and evaluating and managing their business enterprise. Steve Childs, NY Maple Specialist, says “this training will position maple producers, especially intermediate and beginners, to learn the details that would otherwise require years.” The Cornell Maple Camp will begin late afternoon on Thursday August 25 and conclude at noon on Sunday August 28. Cornell Maple Camp will occur at the Cornell University Arnot Forest near Ithaca, NY. The Cornell Maple Camp is open to all maple producers and those wishing to become maple producers.

The Cornell Maple Camp is designed for anyone who wants to become a producer or who has a few years of experiences, but is seeking to expand production, products, markets or profitability. Registration information is available by going to [www.CornellMaple.info](http://www.CornellMaple.info) and selecting Cornell Maple Camp. Registration including all meals (Thursday supper through Sunday lunch) and handouts is \$90 per person. Cabins at the Arnot Forest will be available for rent at \$90 per person for the complete stay (Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights) or information on local hotels can be provided. This training is sponsored by the Cornell Maple Program and the New York State Farm Viability Institute. .