



### Question of the Week

**Q: Where can I take my family to watch and participate in maple-sugaring activities?**

A: Maple sugaring time in New Hampshire runs from mid-February to mid-April. The NH Maple Producers Association (NHMPA) sponsors a special weekend event March 29 & 30, when more 50 sugarhouses will open their doors to visitors. According to the organization's Web site, you can "learn how this ancient tradition is carried on today by touring a maple orchard and a sugarhouse. Enjoy the sweet smells of maple syrup being made and savor the finished product." Some sugarhouses offer pancake breakfasts, sugar on snow, musical entertainment, sap collecting with horses or oxen, interaction with farm animals and many other activities. Bring the whole family, and don't forget your camera.

For a list of participating sugar houses and what they offer, check this website after mid-March: <http://www.nhmapleproducers.com/events.html> or contact Barbara Lassonde, 603-225-3757 or 603-456-6052.

The Beaver Brook Association of Hollis also provides many sugaring activities during this season. Check their Web site to view the winter education calendar or get a list of their events: <http://www2.beaverbrook.org>