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Tap into spring

UTOPIA, Ontario, Mar. 27, 2009 – Get a taste of springtime with the Rotary Club of Barrie and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) at the annual Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival.

Maple syrup will be the guest of honour as the festival pours into the Tiffin Centre on Saturday April 4th and Sunday April 5th.

Families can enjoy a full pancake breakfast and travel through time as they learn about the Native, pioneer and modern methods of maple syrup production.

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There will also be live music, horse-drawn wagon rides, children’s arts and crafts, guided hikes, bird box building, a low ropes challenge course and an environmental fair featuring agencies that are working to protect and enhance our natural world.



Families gather to learn how maple syrup travels from the tree to the table. It takes 40 litres of sap to make one litre of syrup.

“As a family event, we cater to all ages with an emphasis on safely enjoying the outdoors and protecting our environment,” says

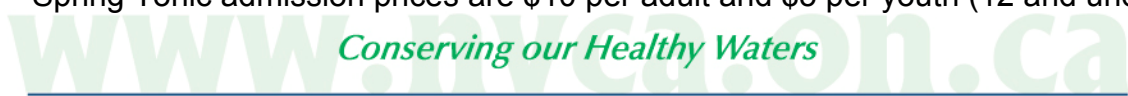
Kim Garraway, Communications Assistant for the NVCA.

This is the Rotary Club of Barrie’s sixth year involved with Spring Tonic. The club uses 50 per cent of the funds raised from ticket sales for various Rotary projects, including the Huronia Lookout project and the Cancer Care Centre at Royal Victoria Hospital. Rotary donates the other 50 per cent to the NVCA to fund various projects to protect the environment.

“This event entertains and educates families as well as gives them a great first taste of spring,” says David McCullough of the Rotary Club of Barrie.

Last year, Spring Tonic raised about \$15,000 from a crowd of about 2,500 people.

Spring Tonic admission prices are \$10 per adult and \$5 per youth (12 and under).



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These prices include a full breakfast and access to all activities. The gates open at 9 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. daily. The Tiffin Centre is located on the 8th Line of Essa Township, 4km south of Highway 90, just ten minutes west of Barrie.

For more information contact the NVCA at 705-424-1479 ext. 9 or www.nvca.on.ca

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