

Algonquin Maple Syrup Producers' Association
2019 Fall Picnic/Workshop, Saturday Oct 5, 2019 9am to 3 pm
The Basics at Dan and Lori Costello's

- 9:00am Sugarbush Management -*Tree density, defects, forest diversity*- Lori Costello, Andy Straughan
 Tapping- *Tree size, # of taps/tree, tap position* – Dave Matthews
 Tubing- *Laying out your bush, Wet/dry lines, fittings, equipment, cleaning lines* - Bill Hubbert et al.
- 10:00am Sap Storage, Measuring Density, Filtering, Bottling- Brian O'Donoghue, Andy S., Lori
 Cleaning sap tanks, Use of thermometer, hydrometer, hydrotherm, refractometers; Cone filters, flat filters, filter press; Hot packing guidelines; Labelling.
- 10:45am Chainsaw Safety/Maintenance- Bernie Stockermans, Workplace Safety North
 (Cutting Edge Manual available- \$20+ HST)
- 11:30am BBQ Lunch- Brian O. and Volunteers. Cash donation. BYOC (Bring your own chair!)
 Cross Cut Saw Fun competition-Andy Straughan
- 1-1:30pm Demo of ATV-towed Lime Spreader-Dave Matthews
 Summary of Helicopter Lime Spreading Project-Bill Hubbert
- 1-3:00pm Value Added Maple Products
 Maple Nuts - Lori Hubbert
 Maple Butter by hand; Maple Popcorn- Lori Costello
 Molded Maple Sugar Leaves by hand - Mark Lupton
- 1:30pm Hands on Chainsaw Maintenance, Demo of Tree Falling- Bernie Stockermans
- 3:00pm Wrap-up