

# 47th Annual Winter Living Celebration at Rogers Center



Explore and enjoy all the wonderful things this time of year offers at the annual Winter Living Celebration. Both historical and modern CNY Winter Activities are showcased in this time-honored event, including exciting demonstrations, interactive crafts, and of course, horse-drawn sleigh rides! Everyone is welcome at the celebration on Saturday, February 1st from 11 am - 2 pm at Rogers Center in Sherburne. Free to the public.

In keeping with Winter Living Celebration tradition, visitors have the opportunity to view Environmental Conservation Officer and Forest Ranger demonstrations, relax by the campfire, or warm up with some hot cocoa and live music in the Rogers Visitor Center.

At the Bird Cabin, visitors can participate in fun child-focused crafts. Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4H and Grow, Cook, Serve programs will also be in attendance with even more engaging activities. Interactive live demonstrations will be presented on cross-cut sawing, ice-fishing, and fly-tying with Trout Unlimited.

This year we welcome the Oneida Indian Nation in celebration of traditional Haudenosaunee winter activities. Jessica Farmer, Cultural Programs Coordinator at the Shako:wi Cultural Center, will lead groups in basket weaving and incorporate oral storytelling traditions.

The celebration will also include the debut of the newly constructed Maple Sugar Shack, a heritage collaboration with the Chenango County Historical Society, in partnership with Clear Path for Veterans and the DCMO BOCES Carpentry program. All are invited to experience the next phase of this exciting community partnership and the interactive living history exhibit. Ribbon cutting at 11:30 am.

"Showcasing the new Sugar Shack is a dream come true," said David Carson, Friends of Rogers Executive Director. "We've been working hard for two years to make this happen, and it's time to light the fire and make some syrup."

Thanks to the Chenango Bird Club and the Rotary Club of Sherburne, food and refreshments will be available for purchase, with proceeds to benefit Friends of Rogers.

Weather permitting, free cross-country skiing and snowshoeing will be available.

The mission of the Friends of Rogers is to provide outstanding educational opportunities that excite, inspire, and motivate people of all ages to enjoy, understand, appreciate, and protect our natural environment. ➤