

Weekend Mentoring Taps Into The Fun At The Irvine Nature Center

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The Bridges seventh graders and their mentors from RBC Wealth Management gathered at Irvine Nature Center in Baltimore County for their second meeting of the year. The day included ice breakers, a pizza lunch and a nature walk. During the walk, students and mentors learned about maple tree tapping and syrup making. Students and mentors also saw many woodland animals including snakes, hawks and owls. At the end of the day, everyone took home a sample of pure maple syrup and some maple sugar candy to commemorate the activities of the day.



Irvine's Director of Education, Rob Mardiney, helps Bridges student Joe carry sap on a yoke.



Students and mentors pose at an overlook along Irvine's nature trail.



Bridges students learn about alternate branching and how to identify trees.



Students and mentors taste pure sap collected from a nearby maple tree.



Students and mentors learn about the distillation process for tree sap.