



join us at

OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 21st
Treadway Fire Hall
189 Highway 131
Treadway, TN 37881

Clinch Valley Beekeepers Association
meet every 3rd Thursday

doors open at 6:30
• meeting starts at 7:00
• potluck dinner 7:30
• lesson/presentation 7:45
• hall cleanup immediately
after presentation



SPEAKER

This month's speaker will be Joel White. He will talk about double screening and honey supering. Joel has many useful YouTube videos on double screening.



POTLUCK THEME

FEELING LUCKY POTLUCK

Try this Irish-inspired theme potluck. You can't go wrong with the luck of the Irish. Beef stew, Irish soda bread, potato soup, corned beef and cabbage, bread pudding and anything else from the Emerald Isle will make for a fun affair.



Renewal Dues become payable
January 1st of each year.
Dues are not pro-rated.

- Single membership \$10
- Family (one vote per family) \$15
- Youth Single (No vote) \$5





2024 COLLINSWORTH GRANT

Cultivating curiosity about honeybees.

Honeybees are hardworking, tirelessly gathering nectar and pollen to share with their hive. They provide a vital ecological service by pollinating agricultural, garden and native plants.

*Love the outdoors?
Enjoy learning new things?
Up for a challenge?*

Explore more about these fascinating insects by participating in the **Collinsworth Grant**.

The grant provides students the equipment they will need to begin their journey in honey bee cultivation.



Open to all Hancock, Hawkins, Grainger, Union, and Claiborne County residents 10 years of age and over who are new to beekeeping.



Winners Will Receive:

1 bottom board	1 vale veil
1 deep super	1 jacket
10 deep frames	1 hive tool
1 inner cover	1 smoker
1 top cover	1 brush

Mentoring is also an important part of the grant.

Grant Requirements

Requirements for all grants are:

- to become a member of the **Clinch Valley Beekeepers Association** for a minimum of 2 years and attend 80% of scheduled meetings.
- to supply their own bees (can be ordered through the club).
- to secure a member mentor to guide the new beekeeper.
- applicants must attend the March 21st meeting as well as the New Beekeeping Short Course on March 23rd where the winners will be announced.
- winners will attend the CVBA Workday April 1st.

**Deadline for entry is
March 21, 2024**

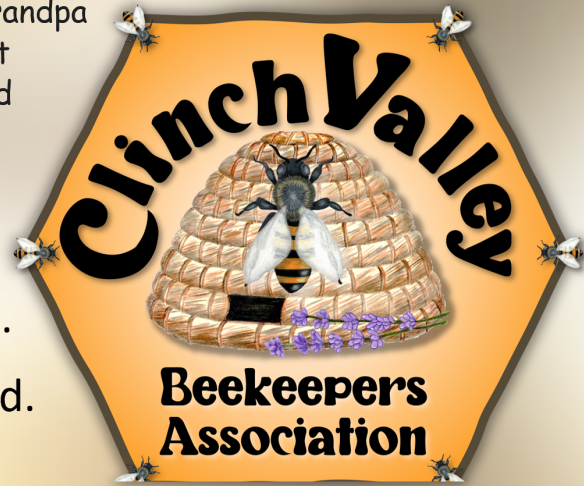
BEGINNER BEEKEEPER SHORT COURSE

How to Be a Successful Beekeeper!

Whether your interest in beekeeping as a hobby because your grandpa once kept bees when you were growing up, or you think this might be a cool little side business, this course will help get you started on your new adventure as a beekeeper!

FREE

- There is no charge for the short course.
- Membership to the CVBA is encouraged.
- Attendance of the Short Course is required for the Collingsworth Grant.
- No advanced registration required.



March 23, 2024
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What you'll learn

BASIC

- about the history of beekeeping and collecting honey for food.
- a firm understanding about why honey bees are dying and how to help them.
- the cost/time commitment, equipment needed, and everything else they need to know to become a beekeeper.
- what state and local regulations they should research before placing hives on their property.
- about the primary breeds of honey bees used by beekeepers, and about their basic physiology.
- where to buy their own honey bees.
- about the main types of hives used by beekeepers.
- what basic beekeeping equipment they need and where to buy it from reputable suppliers.
- how to setup their hives and put their bees into them.
- about the different diseases and parasites that affect honeybees, and how to treat them.
- the annual hive maintenance schedule used by beekeepers, and what they should be looking for during each season of the year.
- a solid understanding of how to manage the hives and inspect them on a regular basis.
- when and how to extract the honey from the hives, process it, and bottle it for sale.

Requirements

- students should have an interest in becoming a beekeeper and learning all the basics required to be successful at beekeeping.
- students should be interested in finding out what they can do to help save honey bees.
- individuals who are interested in a hobby where the learning never stops will love this course!
- successful students will not mind being outdoors and getting hot.



Finger Foods & Snacks Provided



Location

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HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!