

BEGINNER BEEKEEPER SHORT COURSE

How to Be a Successful Beekeeper!

Whether you're interested 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.
- No advanced registration required.
- Attendance of the Short Course is required for the Collinsworth Grant.
- Membership in the CVBA is encouraged.

Saturday
March 21, 2026
10:00 - 4:00
Treadway Fire Hall
189 Highway 131
Treadway, TN 37881

What you'll learn

- 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, and everything else you need to know to become a beekeeper.
- What state and local regulations you should research before placing hives on your property.
- The primary breeds of honey bees used by beekeepers, and about their basic physiology.
- Where and how to buy your own honeybees.
- The main types of hives used by beekeepers.
- What basic beekeeping equipment you need and where to buy it from reputable suppliers.
- How to setup your hives and install bees into them.
- 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.

Requirements

- Students should have the desire to become a beekeeper and learn all the basics required to be successful at it.
- Students should be interested in finding out what they can do to help save honey bees.
- Interest in a hobby where the learning never stops.
- Love the outdoors and like working with your hands.



Finger foods and snacks provided.



For more info:

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Hope to see you there!