



Beekeeping Course

Introductory Course to be Presented at Ellington Agricultural Center, Jones Auditorium, March 25-28, 2009

The **Nashville Area Beekeepers Association (NABA)** will offer its beginning beekeeping course that is designed to provide information on how to become and succeed as a beekeeper. The course is open to everyone with an interest in honey bees. The course will consist of four classroom sessions: Wednesday, March 25th 6-9:00 PM, Thursday, March 26th 6-9:00 PM, Friday, March 27th, 6-9:00 PM and Saturday, March 28th, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. The course will also be accompanied by a field exercise on Sunday, April 19th.

Participants are strongly encouraged to attend all classroom sessions. Among the topics covered are the tools and equipment necessary to get started in beekeeping, basic honey bee biology, pests and diseases that have an impact on honey bees in Tennessee, organic beekeeping, how to get started in beekeeping, basic management practices, and producing honey. Saturday's session will focus on a workshop in which participants learn how to assemble bee hives and hive components. Saturday will also have demonstrations on how to harvest and process honey as well as on candle making. Spouses interested in the preparation of hive products may wish to attend the Saturday demonstrations. The field exercise will review hive inspection and package



installation.

Students who complete the course, join NABA, and get started in beekeeping this spring will be eligible to compete for a complete hive with bees in the fall.

For additional course information, contact Jim Primus at 615-599-0724 (evenings), or by e-mail at <jim_primus@bellsouth.net>. The fee for the course is \$10 individual, or \$20 family. Pre-registration is encouraged. Individuals who do not pre-register may receive limited resource material. Provide your name, mailing address, e-mail address and phone number to Jim Primus, Nashville Area Beekeepers Association, 5348 Indian Valley Rd., Franklin, TN 37064.

Please visit the Nashville Area Beekeepers Association web site <<http://hivetool.com/naba/>>

Directions to Ellington: From downtown Nashville: Take I-65 south to Harding Place exit. Take second exit to travel east on Harding Place. Turn right onto Trousdale Drive at stop light. Follow Trousdale to 4-way stop at Hogan Road. Turn left onto Hogan which leads to Ellington entrance. The Ed Jones auditorium is a large white building on the hilltop. Note: There is another entrance to the Ag center on Edmondson Pike.