

Beekeeping Course

News from the Hive

ISU Beekeeping Club

April 2012

Beekeeping Course to be Presented at Illinois State University on Saturday, April 21, 2012

A newly forming student organization, the ISU Beekeeping Club, will sponsor its first Beekeeping Course at ISU's Ropp Agricultural Building on Saturday, April 21, 2012. This all-day course is designed to help members of the ISU community (students and general public) become involved in beekeeping, and will provide the basic information and skills to do so.

The course runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will be limited to 24 participants. Because the course is being offered with the assistance of the ISU Student Sustainability Committee funds, there is a \$30 materials fee per household for non-ISU students. ISU students may enroll free of charge. Preregistration and permission to participate is required of all. Registrants receive the book *First Lessons in Beekeeping*, as well as numerous handouts.

The beekeeping course will focus on four main themes: the honeybee colony, beekeeping equipment, managing a colony, and getting started in beekeeping. Participants will assemble a beehive from bottom board to telescoping cover.

For additional course information, phone Carl at (309) 830-4085; you may also e-mail us at wenning@phy.ilstu.edu. To preregister, go online to <http://goo.gl.4LQQE/>

Preregistration deadline is April 14, 2012. Confirmation, map, and final agenda will be sent by return email after the deadline date.

A tentative agenda and detailed outline may be found at the following URL: <http://goo.gl/GtCZD/>



Course Content

- Observation Hive (weather permitting)
- A Year in Beekeeping
- Interesting Facts about Bees
- The Life Stories of Bees
- Products from the Hive
- Bee Behavior
- The Hive and Its Parts
- Protective Devices
- Beekeepers' Tools
- Installing Package Bees
- Nectar and Pollen Plants
- Diseases, Pests, and Queenlessness
- Medications and Treatments
- Controlling Swarming
- Extracting and Bottling Honey
- Year Long Management Calendar
- Dealing with Bee Stings
- The 10 Commandments of Beekeeping
- Registration Requirements
- Hive Inspections
- Selecting an Apiary Site
- Setting up the Hive
- Safety in the Bee Yard
- Beekeeping Resources
- Hive Construction
- Door Prize Drawing

ISU Beekeeping Short Course

107F Ropp Agricultural Building
April 21, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Main Presenters: Founding Members of
the ISU Beekeeping Club