Honey Bee Field Day  
Saturday, May 9, 2015

The ISU Beekeeping Club will hold a Honey Bee Field Day at Sugar Grove Nature Center on Saturday, May 9th. The field day will consist of two “cycles” running from 10AM to 12PM and from 1PM to 3PM. An opening of a working hive will follow at 3PM for adults interested in becoming beekeepers. (Liability waiver required.) The field day will include an orientation to honey bees and beekeeping, allow opportunities for questions and answers, and include partial construction of a beehive. Everyone will have the opportunity to sample some wildflower honey. Pre-registration (including a fee) is required, and space is limited. Plans are being developed as this publication goes to print. Watch for details at

http://www.sugargrovenaturecenter.org
You need not be a beekeeper in order to join the

In fact, most of our members are university students who have never kept honeybees. The ISU Beekeeping Club is primarily an informational organization that provides members with information about honeybees, beekeeping, and products of the hive such as honey, wax, pollen, and propolis. Membership is free.

Among our membership are a number of established beekeepers and apicultural authors. Some produce honey; others sell bees and queens; others still write articles for publications such as American Bee Journal. Making medications and wax candles are also things our beekeeping members do. These experienced beekeepers share their knowledge of beekeeping practices with club members during autumn and spring semester meetings, conduct hive openings in the spring, and extract and sell honey in the autumn. We eat and sell honey after extracting too!

Our hope is that sometime in the not too distant future (certainly after graduation from university), former student members will take up beekeeping. Our club advisor waited some 40 years from the time he first learned about beekeeping to actually becoming a beekeeper in 1997.

Honeybees are a threatened species critical to our food production industry. They are also an “indicator” species that informs us about environmental conditions. Honeybees have pollinated approximately 1/3 of all the food Americans eat. It is imperative that we understand bees and the threats arrayed against them even if we never keep honeybees. Failure to protect and support honeybees will have long-term economic and environmental impact for nearly all humans.

Learn More

To learn more about the ISU Beekeeping Club and about honeybees and beekeeping, check us out on Facebook. We don’t maintain an official email address or listserv, so this is the best way to receive announcements and keep up-to-date on club events.

http://www.facebook.com/groups/isubees/

You may also visit the club web site through our URL:

http://www.phy.ilstu.edu/~wenning/ISUbkclub/

Our next meetings during spring semester are:

• Feb 11, 2015: Maximizing Honey Production
• Mar 18, 2015: Managing Diseases and Pests
• Apr 22, 2015: The History of Dadant & Sons

Meetings are on Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. in Moulton Hall, room 309. Watch Facebook or visit our website for details.