Introduction to Beekeeping Workshop
Saturday, November 7, 2015
ISU Beekeeping Club

Beekeeping workshop to be held at the new Cooperative Extension Service Center 1615 Commerce Parkway, Bloomington, IL.

The ISU Beekeeping Club will sponsor its sixth Introduction to Beekeeping workshop at the new Cooperative Extension Service Center in Bloomington on Saturday, November 7, 2015. This all-day course is designed to help members of the Bloomington-Normal 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 5:00 p.m. There will be a 1-hour lunch break; lunch will be provided. Refreshments will be served mid morning and mid afternoon. Registrants receive the book First Lessons in Beekeeping, as well as numerous handouts. The workshop will be limited to approximately 40 participants.

There is a $50 materials fee per household ($40 for current ISU students). Paid advance registration required. There will be no refunds after the October 31st registration deadline, and no on-site registration will be permitted.

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 parts of a beehive.

For additional course information, email cjwennin@ilstu.edu. To apply, go online to http://goo.gl/Rsu87R (case sensitive).

The application must be completed and fee payment POSTMARKED by October 31, 2015. Confirmation, map, and final agenda will be sent by return email after the deadline date.

A tentative agenda and online resources can be found at the following URL: http://goo.gl/GtCZD (case sensitive).

Course Content

- 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, Testing, and Bottling Honey
- Year Long Management Calendar
- Dealing with Bee Stings
- The 10 Commandments of Beekeeping
- Apriary Registration Requirements
- Hive Inspections
- Selecting an Apriary Location
- Setting up the Hive
- Safety in the Bee Yard
- Beekeeping Resources
- Construction of Hive Components
- Door Prize Drawing

ISU Beekeeping Short Course

New U of I Extension, Bloomington, IL
November 7, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 PM
Main Presenters: Members of the ISU Beekeeping Club