

Basic Bee School 2016



Interested in having a few hives of honeybees but not sure exactly how to get started? The **Appalachian Beekeeper's Association** is hosting a Basic Bee School!

When: Saturday, March 12th, 2016 from 9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Where: Mountain Folk Center (~9 miles West of Murphy on US 64 – on the left less than a mile past King's Leather [which is on the right])

Cost: \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Reservations requested but not required.

Contact: Zack Stockbridge (828-321-2171 or zackandjen2004@yahoo.com)

This Bee School is a quick crash-course intended to provide enough of an introduction to prepare you for getting started with honeybees and help you land on your feet when your bees first arrive.

Time	Topic	Details
9:00 – 9:10 A.M.	Welcome & Introductions	
9:10 – 9:50 A.M.	Basic Honey Bee Lifecycle	You do not need a biology degree, but understanding some of the basics about the kinds of bees and the stages in their lifecycles is important for knowing the health of your hives.
9:50 – 10:30 A.M.	Hive Components	What are the “pieces” of a hive? What kinds of boxes and frames are involved? This session is all about woodenware and wax.
10:30-10:40 A.M.	Break	
10:40 – 11:20 A.M.	Tools & Clothing	Try on a bee suit, gloves, etc. Learn how to start and use a smoker. Get hands-on with the various tools that are helpful when working with the bees.
11:20 – 12:00 P.M.	Hive Management	How do you go about a routine hive inspection? Learn what you should look for and what you can do to keep the hive healthy.
12:00 – 12:30 P.M.	Last Second Questions	
12:30 – 2:00 P.M.	Used Equipment Sale	Several members of the beekeeper's association will be selling off some of their extra equipment (used).

Also consider taking the **Beginning Beekeeping** course offered through the Community Enrichment Dept. at Tri-County Community College (828-837-6810)