

Intro to Beekeeping Class 2026

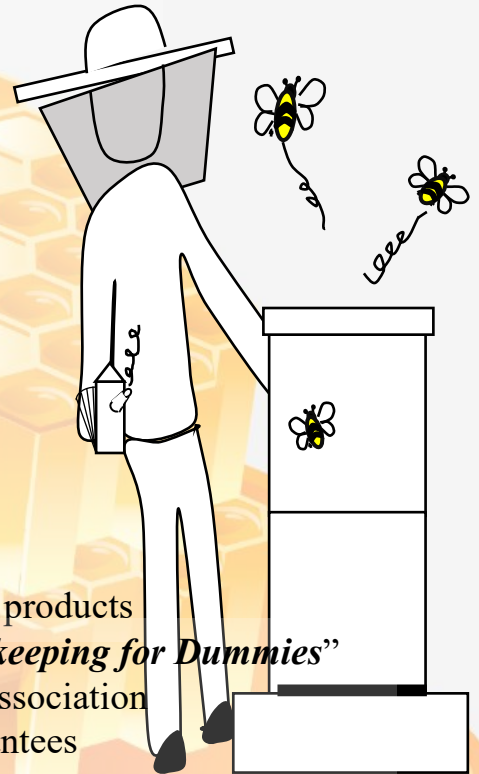
Interested in beekeeping or want to learn more about bees?



Local beekeepers, in cooperation with the Macon County Beekeepers Association, are conducting a class for beginning beekeepers. The class is two days in the classroom and one day at a local bee yard.

Topics to be Covered:

- Anatomy of a bee and colony organization
- Biology of individual bees (what makes a queen a queen?)
- Hive components for your backyard setup
- Locating and setting up your bee yard
- Simplified approach to beekeeping
- Working with your bees
- Installing bees: nuc, package or swarm
- Products of the hives and why bees make them
- Annual management – calendar year
- Swarming and how to manage it
- Integrated pest management
- Special topics – Apiary management, mite control, packaging and selling honey and other bee-related products



Cost is \$50 per person, which includes the book *“Beekeeping for Dummies”* and one-year dues to the Macon County Beekeepers Association.

Registration fee is \$25 (non-refundable), which guarantees you a spot. Space is limited to 50 students.

Checks can be made out to the Macon County Bee Club for either the deposit or the full \$50. Please send them to **Debbie** at the **NC Cooperative**

Extension-Macon County Center, 193 Thomas Heights Rd, Franklin, NC 28734, attention: Bee School. Include your name, email, and phone number with the payment.

Dates for 2026 class are February 21st and February 28th

- Location is the NC Cooperative Extension-Macon County Center, 193 Thomas Heights Rd, Franklin, NC 28734
- Apiary visit date is March 21st (March 28th if rainout). Details to follow.
- Registration is at 8 am, class runs 9am-3pm with lunch break.

Contact – Tim Maier (tim.maier129@gmail.com) with any questions

