## Intro to Beekeeping Class 2025

## 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:**

- Hive Components
- Types of Bees
- Locating and setting up your bee yard
- Swarming and how to manage it
- Working with your bees
- Annual management calendar year
- Biology of individual bees (what makes a queen a queen?)
- Products of the hives and why bees make them
- Installing bees: nuc, package or swarm

Cost is \$100 per person which includes the book "Beekeeping for Dummies" and dues to the Macon County Beekeepers Association for a year.

Registration fee is \$50 (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 \$50 deposit or the full \$100. 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 2025 class are February 22nd and March 1st.

• Location is the NC Cooperative Extension-Macon County Center, 19317 Thomas Heights Rd, Franklin, NC 28734

- Apiary visit date is March 15th (March 22nd<sup>th</sup> if rainout). Details to follow.
- Registration is at 8 am, class runs 9am-3pm with lunch break. **Contact** Katie Wall (kdbwall@gmail.com) with any questions

