

Backyard Beekeeping SCHOOL

BEE LEAF USA X THE BEE BRIGADE

Backyard Beekeeping School with Bee Leaf USA and The Bee Brigade is designed to turn the average bee enthusiast into a capable, skilled, and informed beekeeper with practical knowledge to maintain a healthy colony of bees in Southern California conditions, year round.

We will cover topics spanning from local rules and regulations, building a beehive, installing honeybees, inspections, and all things honey.

We will meet 10 times over the course of 20 weeks with biweekly classes that provide a solid foundation for your backyard beekeeping future.



WHAT?

ALL THE EQUIPMENT YOU NEED TO START KEEPING HONEYBEES
& IT IS YOURS TO KEEP UPON COMPLETION OF SCHOOL

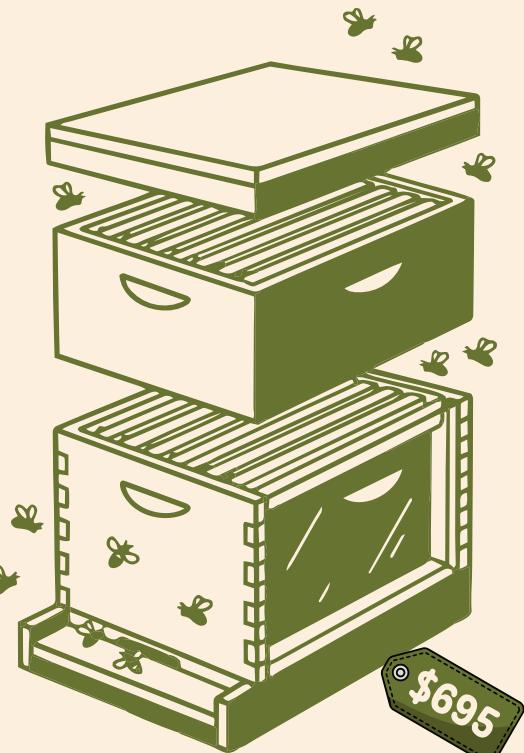


- Smoker, Hive Tools, Bee Brush, and Beekeeping Bucket (\$150)
- Basic Honey Harvesting Equipment (\$250)



- Apis Tactical Ventilated Beekeeping Suit & Gloves (\$250)

- Unassembled 8 Frame Beehive Kit (\$300)
- Unassembled Hive Stand (\$100)
- Nucleus Hive & 2026 Laying Queen (\$295)



WHEN & WHERE?

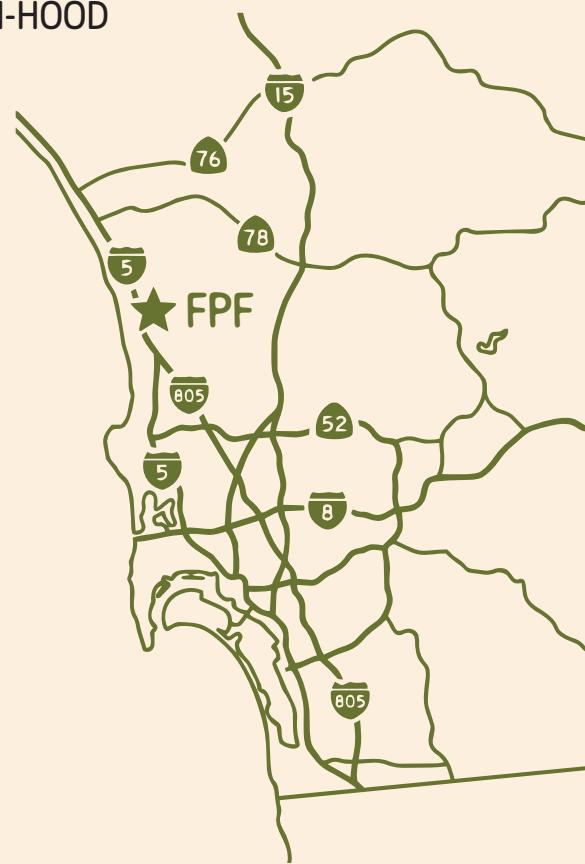
SPRING & SUMMER IN A COASTAL AGRI-HOOD

Classes take place at a regenerative agri-hood in Encinitas, California called **Fox Point Farms**.

Open House Dates:

- February 28th, 2026 1200 Fox Point Farms Ln
- March 14th, 2026 Encinitas, CA
- 9:00 - 10:00 am 92024

These classes will be bi-weekly starting Friday, April 3rd from 10am - 1:30pm with a lunch break.



WHO?

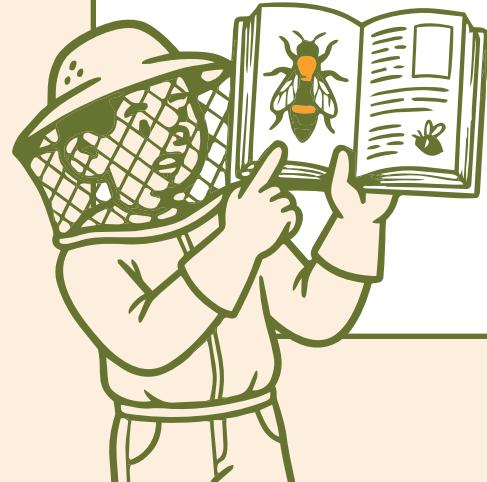
MEET OUR TEACHERS & GUEST SPEAKERS

Teachers:

- Travis Wolfe » San Diego » 10+ Years Experience, Beekeeping + Rescues
- Colby Gibbs » Riverside + San Diego » 2+ Years Beekeeping & Bee Wrangling
- Briana Barber » San Diego » 3 Years Beekeeping and Sustainable Farming

Tentative Guest Speakers:

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SCHEDULE & SYLLABUS

A BREAKDOWN OF WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

1/ April 3rd (Intro to Beekeeping)

- Why keep bees?
 - Agriculture, Leisure, Learning
 - Pollinator Protection
- Beekeeping Legally in San Diego
 - County Hive Registration
 - County Rules and Regulations
 - Commercial Hive Registration
- *LUNCH*
- Beehive as a Super Organism
 - Natural Design of the Hive (Physically, Mechanically, and Socially)
 - Social Order of the Hive
 - Nurse, Guard, Forager, Scout
- Sanctuary & Bee School Walking Tour
- Student Area Familiarization

2/ April 17th (Honeybee 101)

- Review of Beehive as Superorganism
- Honeybee Life Cycle
 - Worker, Drone, & Queen
- Honeybee Anatomy
- *LUNCH*
- Beekeeping Seasons & Beekeeping Calendar
- History of Beekeeping
 - Beekeeping in America
 - Classic & Modern History

- Hive Evolution
- Beehive History

3/ May 1st (Hive Building Equipment, Tools, & Inspection)

- Explore Equipment
 - Light Smokers
- First inspection of large bee yard
- *LUNCH*
- Build & Paint 8 Frame Traditional Langstroth
 - Build Frames, Boxes & Components
 - Build Backyard Beekeeping Stand
- Ant Proof

4/ May 15th (Install Nucleus Hive)

- Honeybee Feed Review
 - Sugar syrup dilution by goal
 - Pollen Pattys Hand Make
- Students install and observe each other install
- Feed bees pollen Pattys & Nectar
- *LUNCH*
- Treating Honeybees Workshop
 - Varroa Mites
 - Hive Beetles
 - Wax Moths

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5/ May 29th (Honey 101)

- How Bees Make It
 - Nectar to Honey
- Honey Vitamins, Minerals
- Inspect Hives
- *LUNCH*
- Honey Tasting
- Honeybee Folklore
 - Telling the Bees
- Inspect Hives

- Forklifts, Flatbeds, & Feed Tanks
- Contracts & Brokers
- Commercial Standards
- Inspect Hives

9/ July 24th (Honey Harvest Workshop)

- Harvest
- Uncap/Strain
- *LUNCH*
- Bottle/Jar
- Legal Rules

6/ June 12th (Beeswax Workshop)

- Salves/Balms
- *LUNCH*
- Food Wraps
- Inspect Hives

10/ August 7th (Splitting & Requeening Beehive Workshop)

- When to split
- How to split
- *LUNCH*
- Splitting a hive as a tool
- Split the Hive

7/ June 26th (Honey Alcohol)

- Meade – Witches Brew Mead
- Spirits - Malahat Distilling
- Beer - Little Miss Brewing

11/ August 21st (Beehive Transportation)

- Rules & Regulations
- Best Practices
- County Sign Ups

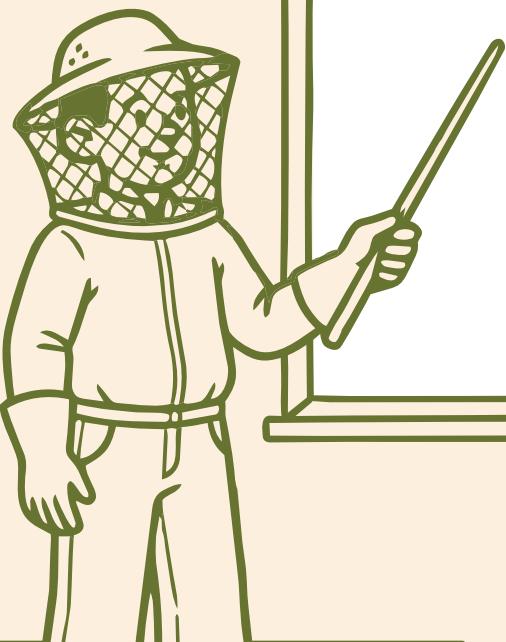
8/ July 10th (Propolis Workshop & Commercial Beekeeping)

- Make a Tinctures
- Colony Uses
- Inspect Hives
- *LUNCH*
- Commercial Beekeeping Segment

CLASSES ARE 3 HOURS PLUS A 30 MIN LUNCH BREAK. FRUITS, HONEY, SNACKS & WATER ARE PROVIDED. STILL PACK FOOD AND DRINKS FOR YOURSELF!

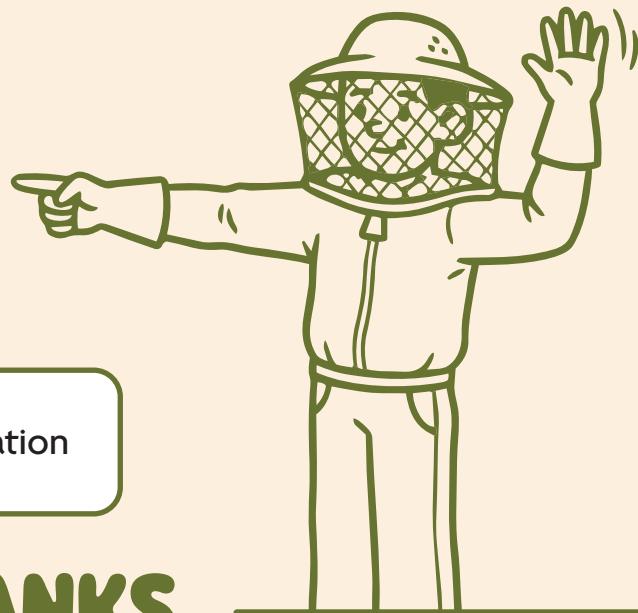
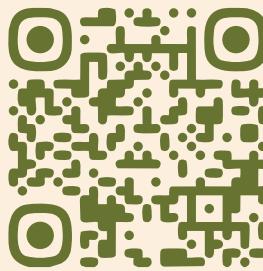
HOUSE RULES

MINIMUM AGE IS 12 YEARS OLD
CLOSED TOED SHOES REQUIRED
PACK YOUR OWN LUNCH
BATHROOMS ONSITE
BEE KIND, BEE YOURSELF



REGISTRATION

REGISTER BY MARCH 31st
SPACE IS LIMITED!



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SPECIAL THANKS



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