

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 PLACE WE CALL HOME

Classes take place at San Diego's Original Honeybee Sanctuary in **Pauma Valley, California**.

Open House Dates:

- February 28th, 2026 15915 Adams Dr,
- March 14th, 2026 Pauma Valley, CA
- Noon - 1:00 pm 92061

These classes will be bi-weekly starting Saturday, April 4th from 10am - 1:30pm with a lunch break.



WHO?

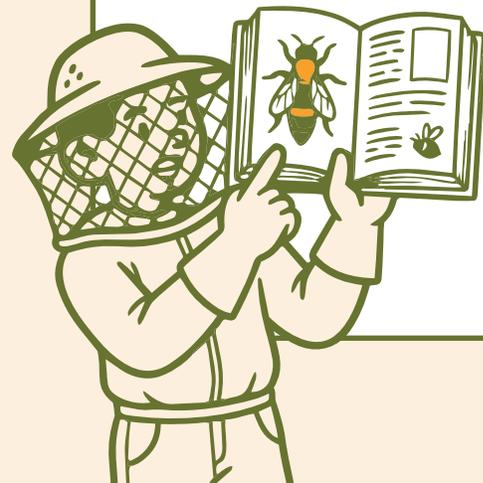
MEET OUR TEACHERS & GUEST SPEAKERS

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 4th (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 18th (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 2nd (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 16th (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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A BREAKDOWN OF WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

5/ May 30th (Honey 101)

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

6/ June 13th (Beeswax Workshop)

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

7/ June 27th (Honey Alcohol)

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

8/ July 11th (Propolis Workshop & Commercial Beekeeping)

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

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

9/ July 25th (Honey Harvest Workshop)

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

10/ August 8th (Splitting & Requeening Beehive Workshop)

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

11/ August 22nd (Beehive Transportation)

- Rules & Regulations
- Best Practices
- County Sign Ups

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

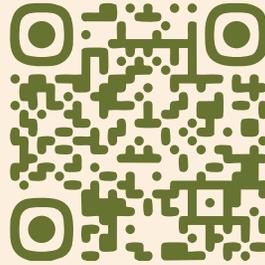


HOUSE RULES

- MINIMUM AGE IS 12 YEARS OLD
- CLOSED TOED SHOES REQUIRED
- PACK YOUR OWN LUCH
- PORTA-POTTY ONSITE
- BEE KIND, BEE YOURSELF

REGISTRATION

REGISTER BY MARCH 31ST
SPACE IS LIMITED!



500+ FIVE ★
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