



# HoneyBear Farms KY

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***Beekeeping Mentoring Program***  
**Presented by HoneyBear Farms KY, LLC**  
**502 235-0727**

Separate groups and activities for Adults, Teenagers and Young children -- ALL at the same time -- Bring the whole family!!

This program is set up to provide familiarization with beekeeping and hands-on experience for all participants. Each group will actively manage (2) existing bee hives and (2) new bee hives over the period of the program from February to November – (11 Sessions). Each session will be around 3 to 4 hours depending on long it takes to cover the material and for the participants accomplish certain tasks. It is planned for the sessions to begin at 9:00 AM and to be completed around 1 PM. The dates may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, but every effort will be made to stay with the schedule. Any date changes will be emailed and / or text to all participants in advance.

The program will be held at HoneyBear Farms' apiary in Louisville, KY near Fisherville just East of I-265 on Taylorsville Road. Sessions will be led by Joel Gonia with guest speakers and local beekeepers providing assistance each week. All materials, equipment and supplies will be provided. There will be one session each month on the dates indicated. Each participant will need to bring their own beekeeping protective jacket or veil and gloves to each of the sessions. **There will be a \$10 fee per person for each session attended, and the participants only pay for sessions that they attend.**

At the end of the program in November one of the new bee hives will be given away by the drawing of a name from those that participated in 75% or 8 of the 11 sessions, and the other new bee hive will be given away thru a silent auction. There will also be a drawing for many other beekeeping items for all participants.

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The textbook for the course is: *Beekeeping for Dummies - 4th Edition*. Participants will be assigned reading prior to each session. We encourage all participants to read the Introduction and Chapters 1 – 4 well in advance.

## Dates and the general topics and activities planned for each session:

### Session # 1 February 9, 2019 - Chapter 5 & 6

- Beekeeping Basics
- Review and use of numerous beekeeping items to be on display
- Use of wax foundation and plastic foundation
- Guidelines for purchasing bees and beekeeping equipment
- Feeding bees
- Varroa Mite treatments

### Session # 2 March 2, 2019 - Chapter 7 & 8

- Conduct bee hive inspections
- Evaluating the condition of hives
- Rotate hive bodies
- Feeding bees
- Varroa Mite treatments

### Session # 3 April 6, 2019

- Attend the HoneyBear Farms' Field Day and Beekeeping School

### Session # 4 April 20, 2019 - Chapter 9 & 10

- Conduct bee hive inspections
- Installation of a Nuc or Package to start a new bee hive
- Installation of honey supers
- Hive beetle management
- Feeding bees

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## Session # 5 May 11, 2019 - Chapter 11 & 12

- Installation of a Nuc or Package to start a 2<sup>nd</sup> new bee hive
- Conduct hive inspections
- Possible Re-queening
- Manage honey supers
- Hive beetle management
- Feeding bees

## Session # 6 June 1, 2019 - Chapter 13 & 14

- Conduct hive inspections
- Manage honey supers
- Hive beetle & Wax moth management
- Feeding Bees

## Session # 7 July 13, 2019 - Chapter 15 - 17

- Conduct hive inspections
- Honey harvesting & processing
- Preventing Robbing
- Varroa Mite Treatments
- Late July Splits and Nuc's
- Feeding Bees

## Session # 8 August 3, 2019 - Chapter 18 - 20

- Conduct hive inspections
- Varroa Mite treatment
- Hive beetle & Wax moth management
- Making up Nuc's for Re-queening in fall
- Feeding bees

## Session # 9 September 7, 2019 - Appendix A & B

- Conduct hive inspections

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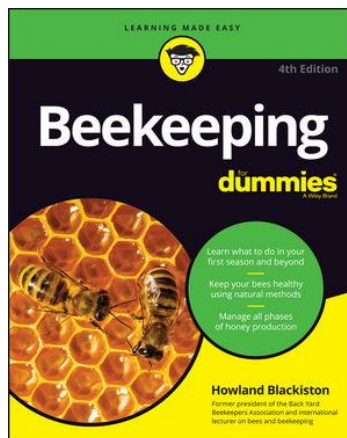
- Pulling of any remaining honey supers
- Varroa Mite treatment
- Hive beetle & Wax moth management
- Feeding bees

## Session # 10 October 5, 2019

- Conduct hive inspections
- Combining of weak hives with strong hives
- Hive beetle & Wax moth management
- Rendering of bees wax
- Feeding bees

## Session # 11 November 2, 2019

- Conduct hive inspections
- Preparation for winter Nov thru Feb
- Feeding bees Nov thru Feb
- Varroa Mite treatment
- How to store frames over the winter
- End of Program Drawing for Prizes



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