

## Beginning Beekeeping Course Outline 2020

### Week 1 (Chapters 1, 2, 4)

#### Introductions

- History of Beekeeping
- Why keep bees
- What bees are doing right now
- Where to locate bees (hive placement)
- Beekeeping equipment
- Frames and foundation
- Types of individual bees – queen, workers, drones
- Personal equipment
- Ordering nucs and package bees.

Class meets 5 times for a 3 hours session each date

Dates: Saturdays:

February 1, 2020

February 8, 2020

February 22, 2020

February 29, 2020

March 14, 2020

Class Hours: 1 pm – 4 pm

### Week 2 (Chapters 3, 5, 6)

- Installing package bees
- Installing Nucs
- Feeding bees
- Species or subspecies of bees
- Swarming
- Nectar flow
- “Supering Up”
- Nectar and pollen sources
- Pollination
- Harvesting honey
- Extracting honey

Limited to 20 participants

Classes location:

Old Mulkeytown Grade School  
School House Road  
Mulkeytown, IL

### Week 3 (Chapter 7)

- A season with your bees
- Integrated pest management
- Queenless colonies
- Useful manipulations of bee colonies
- Checking for queen cells
- Laying workers
- Signs of a failing queen
- A good worker brood pattern
- A queen cell
- Importance of checking the bees every 7-10 days

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### Week 4 (Chapter 8)

- Diseases, parasites, and pest.
- Wintering bees in Illinois
- Essential tasks for keeping colonies production
- Common beekeeping mistakes to avoid

### Week 5

- Finish Up
- Review
- Visit to bee yard (when weather permits)

