

2026 First Year Bee Yard, Easton, Scotts Lawn Apiaries & COBA Schedule (8/19/2025)

Mon., Jan. 12 7:00 COBA Board Meeting via Zoom

Wed., Jan. 21 6:30-9 **COBA Monthly Meeting**, Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 E. Broad St. 43205, Youth Scholarship Interviews

Fri., Jan 30 VFW Midwinter Conference

Sat., Jan. 31 VFW Midwinter Conference

Mon., Feb. 9 7:00 COBA Board Meeting via Zoom

Wed., Feb. 18 6:30-9 **COBA Monthly Meeting**, Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 E. Broad St., 43205

Sat., Feb. 21 VBS Interviews

Wed., Feb. 25 6:30-8:30 Section 1 COBA Bee School, Waterman Farm, 2490 Carmack Rd., 43210

Sat., Feb. 21 8-4:30 Marysville Bee School

Wed., Mar. 4 6:30-8:30 Section 1 COBA Bee School, Waterman Farm, 2490 Carmack Rd., 43210

Sat., Mar. 7 Tri-County Beekeepers Association Meeting, Wooster

Mon., Mar. 9 7:00 COBA Board Meeting via Zoom

Wed., Mar. 11 6:30-8:30 Section 1 COBA Bee School, Waterman Farm, 2490 Carmack Rd., 43210

Sat., Mar. 14 Section 2 COBA Bee School, Liberty Mutual, 518 E. Broad St. 43215

Wed., Mar. 18 6:30-9 **COBA Monthly Meeting**, Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 E. Broad St., 43205

Wed., Mar. 18 6:30-8:30 Section 1 COBA Bee School, Waterman Farm, 2490 Carmack Rd., 43210

Sat., Mar. 21 9:30-12 Veterans Bee School #1, Kunz-Brundige Extension, 2548 Carmack Rd., 43210

Sat., Mar. 28 9:30-12 Veterans Bee School #2, Kunz-Brundige Extension, 2548 Carmack Rd., 43210

Sun., Mar. 29 10 Easton Apiary, 3850 Stelzer Road, 43219

Wed., Apr 1 6:00 First Year Bee Yard, 2501 Carmack Road, 43210

Thurs., Apr 2 6:30-8:30 ScottsLawn Apiary, 14380 ScottsLawn Rd., 43040

Sat., April 4 9:30-12 Veterans Bee School #3, Kunze-Brundige Extension, 2548 Carmack Rd. 43210

Wed., Apr 8 6 First Year Bee Yard - Organizational: pass out calendars, rules, sign up for Bee Yard, clean shed, inventory shed. **Paint hives. Bring brushes.**

Thurs., Apr 9 6:30-8:30 ScottsLawn Apiary, 14380 ScdottsLawn Rd., 43040

Sat., Apr 11 9:30-12 Veterans Bee School

Mon., Apr 13 7:00 COBA Board Meeting via Zoom

Tues., April 14 6 First Year Bee Yard: Check Bees, answer questions, work on area.

Tues., Apr 14 6 Franklin Park Apiary, 1777 E. Broad Street, 43205

Wed., Apr 15 6:30-9 **General Meeting.** 1777 E. Broad Street, 43205

Thurs., Apr 16 6:30-8:30 ScottsLawn Apiary, Scotts Lawn Road

Sat., Apr. 18 10 Easton Apiary, 3850 Stelzer Road, 432

Sat., Apr. 18 2:00 - ? First Year Bee Yard - Install bees into hives. Clean up area, trim Mulberry tree, remove Locust sprouts. **Come at noon if you can for cleanup. West of 2501 Carmack Rd., 43210**

Wed., Apr 22 6 First Year Bee Yard – First inspection of Hives. Demonstrate inspection, then inspect hives, release Queen if needed, feed. Topic: Hive set-up configurations.

Thurs., Apr 23 6:30 ScottsLawn Apiary

Sat., Apr 25 10 Rich Herman Workshop, Build Frames

Sun., Apr 26 10 Easton Apiary

Tues., Apr 28 6 Franklin Park Apiary, 1777 E. Broad St.

Tues., Apr 28 6 First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives, feed. Demo inspection. Hive Inspection – what to look for, when to add the next box. Inspect and feed. **Topic:** Types of Bees, Advantages and Disadvantages.

Wed., Apr 29 6p Easton Apiary – vets and COBA members, flora and forage discussions

Thurs., Apr 30 6:30 Scotts Lawn Apiary

Sat., May 2 9-11 Pancake Breakfast and Plant Swap, 501 E. Broad Street, 43215 (Broad Street United Methodist Church)

Wed., May 6 6 First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives, feed. **Mint Day** - Topic: **Gale Martin of *Natives In Harmony*** to talk about bee plants. Plants available for sale.

Thurs., May 7 6:30 Scotts Lawn Apiary

Sat., May 9 8	Worthington on the Green, Worthington
Mon., May 11 7	COBA Board meeting via Zoom
Tues. May 12 6	Franklin Park Apiary
Wed., May 13 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives, feed. Topic: What to expect from Bee Inspector
Thurs., May 14 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sat., May 16 10	Easton Apiary
Tues., May 19 6	First Year Bee Yard
Wed., May 20 6:30-9	General Meeting
Thurs., May 21 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Tues., May 26 6	Franklin Park Apiary
Wed., May 27 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Swarming prevention, capturing swarms, tools to capture
Thurs., May 28 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sun., May 31 10	Easton Apiary
Wed., June 3 6	Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic:
Thurs., June 4 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Mon., June 8 7	COBA Board Meeting via Zoom
Tues., May 9 6	Franklin Park Apiary
Wed., June 10 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Mites
Thurs., June 11 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sat., June 13 10	Easton Apiary
Mon., June 15 8pm	Rich Herman/ Honey Extraction workshop
Wed., June 17 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Ventilation
Thurs., June 18	Last day to register for the Ohio State Fair Honey Competition
Thurs., June 18 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sat., June 20	Pollinator Palooza, Franklin Park Conservatory
Tues., June 23 6	Franklin Park Apiary
Wed., June 24 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives.
Thurs., June 25 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sat., June 27, 12 noon	COBA Picnic, Shadblow Shelter at Blendon Woods Park, 4265 E. Dublin-Granville Road 43081
Sun., June 28 10	Easton Apiary

Wed., July 1	Last day to register for the Franklin County Fair Honey Competition
Wed., July 16	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Open topic
Thurs., July 2 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Tues., July 7 6	Franklin Park Apiary
Wed., July 8 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Varroa Day
Thurs., July 9 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sat., July 11 10	Easton Apiary
Wed., July 15 6	First Year Bee Yard
Thurs., July 16 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Mon., July 20 10	Franklin County Fair opens
Tues., July 21 6	Honey Judging at Franklin County Fair, entries to be delivered between 4 & 6
Tues., July 21 6	Franklin Park Apiary
Wed., July 22 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Diseases and Treatment
Thurs., July 23 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sun., July 26 10	Easton Apiary
Sun., July 26 6	Franklin County Fair ends
Mon., July 27 4-6	Pick up Honey entries from Franklin County Fair
Wed., July 29	Ohio State Fair begins
Wed., July 29 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Winter Preparation
Thurs., July 30 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Tues., Aug 4 6	Franklin Park Apiary
Wed., Aug. 5 6	Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Winter Blanket Boxes
Thurs., Aug. 6 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sat., Aug. 8 10	Easton Apiary
Sun., Aug 9	Ohio State Fair ends
Mon., Aug 10	Pick up Ohio State Fair entries
Mon., Aug. 10 7	COBA Board Meeting via Zoom
Wed., Aug. 12 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect Hives. Topic: Winter windbreaks
Thurs., Aug. 13 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Tues., Aug. 18 6	Franklin Park Apiary
Tues., Aug 18 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Apitherapy and all products of the hive
Wed., Aug 19 6:30-9	General Meeting
Thurs., Aug 20 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sun., Aug 23 10	Easton Apiary
Wed., Aug. 26 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Closing down hives for winter, mouse guards, robbing, removing honey from hives Topic: Home hive assessment? treat? for autumn, treat Bee Yard hives, winter feeding

Thurs., Aug 27 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Tues., Sept 1 6	Franklin Park Apiary
Wed., Sept 2 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Moving hives, planning if, when, where.
Thurs., Sept 3 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Thurs., Sept. 3 7	Lithopolis Honeyfest setup
Fri., Sept 4 3-7	Lithopolis Honeyfest
Sat., Sept 5 10-7	Lithopolis Honeyfest, then tear down
Wed., Sept 9 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Winter feeds, storing frames and supers
Thurs., Sept 10 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sat., Sept 12 10	Easton Apiary
Mon., Sept 14 7	COBA Board Meeting via Zoom
Tues., Sept 15 6	Franklin Park Apiary
Tues., Sept. 15 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Review prep for winter, winter feed.
Wed., Sept 16 6:30-9	General Meeting
Thurs., Sept 17 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Tues., Sept 22	Farm Science Review
Wed., Sept 23	Farm Science Review
Wed., Sept 23 6	First Year Bee Yard - Last day to pick up sold hives
Thurs., Sept 24	Farm Science Review
Thurs., Sept 24 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sun., Sept 27 10	Easton Apiary
Tues., Sept 29 6	Franklin Park Apiary
Wed., Sept 30 6	First Year Bee Yard – last meeting, set up for winter, all hives are gone. 2 nd Annual Chili and Corn bread cookoff

Note: Hives do not leave at night. They may be closed up in the evening and then moved the next day. Possible combinations are: close Wednesday evening, move Thursday. Or close Friday evening, move Saturday. Help is available as well as the use of the two-person hive mover.