



Pineywoods Beekeepers Association

2024 Bee School

February 17 and 24, 10am - 4pm

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Office, Lufkin

March 2 in the bee yard, 10am

www.pineywoodsbeekeepers.org

For three Saturdays, immerse yourself in all things honey bee. Learn about the members of a honey bee colony and their unique jobs. Find out what you *need* to get started keeping bees, and what you can live without. Different styles and sizes of protective gear will be available for you to try on to help you decide what you'd like to order. Get tips on saving money and keeping records. Learn how to keep your bees alive the first year so you can harvest honey the second. Rub shoulders with experienced beekeepers who'd like nothing better than to share their hobby with you. Suit up and wield your hive tool (gently) as our instructors literally open up an amazing new world to you. Try your hand at moving frames and see if you can spot the queen.

Your education will include two days of presentations and demonstrations and the opportunity to visit the bee yard, with plenty of time for questions and answers. We'll highlight select chapters of *Beekeeping for Dummies, 5th Edition*, that are appropriate for novice beekeepers. It will be up to you to procure the book (we don't get a discount, any edition will suffice). These will be supplemented with handouts. Coffee will be available to get us started and snacks will be provided, but do bring a lunch (or grab fast food nearby), and bring a pen and paper for notes.

Those wishing to participate in the bee yard will be asked to sign a release and will need to wear protective gear – minimally a hat and veil (or beekeeping garment with integrated veil) and bee gloves or well-fitted leather or rubber gloves. If you haven't purchased your own gear by then, we have limited gear to loan.

As an introductory course, we are not including topics you are unlikely to encounter in your first year (such as splitting, queen rearing, or honey extraction). Our monthly club meetings will further your education regarding such topics.

Make your check or money order payable to Pineywoods Beekeepers Association and mail, with completed bottom portion, to: Rachel Payne – PBA

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Questions?

Call/text 936-715-0362

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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\$40 fee includes course, handouts, snacks, and 2024 PBA membership. A family member can audit at no additional charge, sharing the handouts. **Book not included.**

*** Current PBA members, see Rachel. ***