



Pineywoods Beekeepers Association

2023 Bee School

March 4 & 18, 10am - 4pm

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Office, Lufkin

March 11 & 25 in the bee yard, times to be determined

www.pineywoodsbeekeepers.org

For four 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 two opportunities 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. 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

E-mail texasbeegirl@gmail.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

___ \$60 fee includes course, handouts, snacks, 2023 PBA membership, **and textbook**. A family member can audit at no additional charge, sharing the textbook and handouts.

___ \$40 fee includes course, handouts, snacks, and 2023 PBA membership. (A book is NOT included in this option. Sometimes a student already has a copy of *Beekeeping for Dummies*, so why pay for another? Any version will suffice.)

*** Current PBA members, see Rachel.