



## 2012 BEGINNING BEEKEEPING SHORT COURSE

Saturday March 17th, 2012

Clay County Extension Office, Green Cove Springs, Florida

Pre-registration is requested by Tuesday, March 12th, 2012. There is a \$10.00 registration fee (\$15.00 per couple) for this course to cover the purchase of material. It will be an interactive short course, where participants will be involved with working with an active hive on Extension Center property. At the end of the course we will discuss how honey is “robbed from the bees” and all participants will be able to take home a jar of local honey. This course will allow the participants to receive a complete perspective of the process/ expense involved with keeping honey bees. It should allow the participant to decide if this is something they want to do. For others, it offers an excellent opportunity to learn about this very interesting/ useful, often misunderstood insect so important to our food supply. For additional information you can reach us at 904-284-6355 or 904-269-6355.

Purpose of Course: Over the last decade, local honey bee colonies have had a major problem with two introduced honeybee pests (the Varroa Mite, and Small Hive Beetle). Currently there are few wild colonies in existence in Clay County and the only honey bees around are those being kept by a beekeeper. This has led to serious pollination problems and the need to introduce more managed hives to our county. You can become part of the solution to our sparse pollination problem by becoming a beekeeper. In addition, with the imminent arrival of the Africanized Honey Bee to our area, there is a need to inform more people of the importance of having “managed” honeybee colonies to counter feral AHB colonies.

\*Note: As this activity involves direct contact with a stinging insect, children will not be permitted to interact with the "Open Hive" portion of the short course.

## **SHORT COURSE SCHEDULE:**

<b>8:45 – 9:00 AM</b>	REGISTRATION
<b>9:00 – 9:30 AM</b>	NE Florida Honey Bee Assoc./ Florida State Beekeepers Websites, plus additional information sources of the beginning beekeeper.
<b>9:30 – 10:30 AM</b>	Life Cycle of Honeybees. – Video, plus Q&A by panel of local beekeepers.
<b>10:30 – 11:15 AM</b>	Bee Equipment/ Setting up a hive. – Video
<b>11:15 – 12:00 PM</b>	Honeybee pests – Panel of local beekeepers.
<b>12:00 – 12:45 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> – Sandwiches/ drinks sponsored by the Northeast Florida Honeybee Association. Different types of honey will be available rot tasting. Local NEFHBA members will be present at lunch.
<b>12:45 – 1:45 PM</b>	Open Hive Experience (weather permitting) – Local beekeepers
<b>1:45 – 2:30 PM</b>	Honey Collection/ Extraction Techniques – Video, plus discussion. Each paid participant will receive on bottle of local honey as part of registration.
<b>2:30 – 3:30 PM</b>	Africanized Honeybees –video, plus group discussion.
<b>3:30 PM</b>	Wrap-up/ Evaluation/ Discussion

**TO REGISTER, SEND BACK OF REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED BY MARCH 12th, 2012. COURSE WILL BE CANCELLED IF AT LEAST 15 INDIVIDUALS HAVE NOT PRE-REGISTERED BY MARCH 12th, 2012.**

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## **2012 BEGINNING BEEKEEPING SHORT COURSE REGISTRATION FORM**

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Clay County Extension  
P. O. Box 278  
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043-0278**

**\*NOTE: Make checks out to Clay County 4-H Youth Foundation/ BeeSC in the amount of \$10.00 (\$15.00 per couple) and return no later than Tuesday, March 12th, 2012 - along with this registration form.**

**Name(s) of those attending:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Day time Phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of adults attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Children may attend (less than 18 yrs. Old) but may not participate in the "Open Hive" portion of the course.**

