



January 20, 2021

Dear Beekeeping Student,

We are excited to be offering our third Beginning Beekeeper Series in 2021! This course is intended for absolute beginners to establish a general foundation of knowledge to get started in their first season of beekeeping. We will cover basic honey bee anatomy and physiology, how to assemble your wooden hive, installing packages of live bees, common pests and diseases, honey harvest, and more.

Due to limitations associated with COVID-19, we will only offer the classes. In previous years there was an option to purchase beekeeping equipment and live honey bees through our office. We look forward to offering this in future years as we are able! The total cost for the Series is \$20 for anyone over 16 years of age. This helps defray cost of program materials, refreshments, and other supplies. There is no charge for children under 16 years of age, but we recommend they be at least 10 years old to have a decent grasp of the information being presented.

A schedule for 2021 is on the following page. Classes will be held roughly one Saturday per month from approximately 9am to 12pm at the Lanier County Extension Office. Each class may not necessarily take all three hours, but be willing to commit that block of time to the class. Currently, the first class is scheduled for **February 27th, 2021**. We will have group introductions and a hive assembly workshop. Light refreshments will be provided in accordance with current University of Georgia COVID-19 guidelines. Participants must be free of all COVID symptoms and wear a mask. Seating arrangements will facilitate social distancing.

Please review the class topics, items to bring, and schedule. The \$20 class fee can be paid via mail or in-person with cash or check. Payment must be received at least the day before the first class you attend. Attendance at every class is not mandatory, but strongly recommend to get the most out of your class fee. Any questions may be directed to your instructor and Lanier/Clinch County Ag Agent, Kim Post at 229-482-3895 or kimberly.post@uga.edu.

Sincerely,

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**Beginning Beekeeper Series
Schedule for 2021**

| Date | Topic | Items to Bring |
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| February 27, 2021 | Intro meeting and woodenware assembly class, initial evaluation | Pens/pencils, notebook for note taking. |
| March 20, 2021 | Basic bee biology, installing packages, bee anatomy under microscope | Pens/pencils, a notebook for note taking. Scratch paper will be provided. |
| April 17, 2021 | Common pests and diseases, smoker lighting activity | Pens/pencils, a notebook for note taking. Scratch paper will be provided. |
| May 22, 2021 | Supering, honey flow, feeding, summer activities | Pens/pencils, a notebook for note taking, and any questions |
| <i>NO JUNE MEETING</i> | | |
| July 24, 2021 | Honey harvest, bottling, fall activities to come | Pens/pencils, a notebook for note taking, and any questions |
| August 28, 2021 | Winter activities, wrap-up, final evaluations | Pens/pencils, a notebook for note taking, and any questions |

All meeting times are Saturday, 9am – 12pm unless otherwise noted.