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A Naturalist's Approach to Beekeeping



SEASONAL CLASS OFFERINGS

BEE BUZZ FOR KIDS

Introduce your children to the amazing world of Honeybees. Capture their attention and their imagination. Be a part of saving the Honeybee population through your children's education. Imagine letting them hold a frame from a hive, heavy with the weight of buzzing, docile Honeybees. Their eyes will open wide, and they will never see the world the same again. **(Spring and Summer)**

INTRO LECTURE ON BEES AND BEEKEEPING

Learn about the lives of honeybees, the current plight of honeybee colonies, and the intrinsic value of nurturing these amazing creatures. **(Through out the year)**

INTRO TO ORGANIC BEEKEEPING: PLANNING A NEW HIVE FOR SPRING

Learn about the basic requirements and responsibilities for first-time beekeepers. Understand the mechanics of the hive and the tools involved, elements of site selection, and how to hear your bees' needs. **(Winter)**

UNDERSTANDING AND CARING FOR YOUR BEES (ADVANCED CLASS)

Topics will include: Hive congruency and design to benefit the colony; Bee health and disease management the natural way; Seasonal concerns and methods; as well as imparting the values of respecting the lives and needs of your bees. **(Winter)**

HOW TO INSPECT, AND MAINTAIN, A HEALTHY HIVE.

Hands-on work in the hive: cleaning burr comb, recognizing healthy brood patterns as well as signs of problems, mite treatments, watching and preparing for swarm season, and general overview of hives during main nectar flow. **(Spring and Early Summer)**

HONEY HARVESTING

Learn how to judge the amount of honey to leave for over-wintering colonies, learn the tools needed in your honey house and the process of spinning honey and gleaning beeswax. **(Late Summer)**

HIVE MAINTAINANCE – FALL / WINTER PREP

Learn about the life in the hive during this transitional time. Understand what you are looking at, and how to judge the strength of a hive. Learn how to clean up hives, and look for problems that might weaken your bees. Prepare for fall and winter, to best nurture the bees and boost their immune systems. Let us help you think thru your autumn tasks of fortifying your hives, and answer your questions. **(Late Summer)**