

OUR MISSION



We will **provide training, education, outreach, and mentoring** for beginning and advanced beekeepers that will improve colony survival and drive economic success.

CURRENT PARTNERS

- Center for Rural Affairs (NE)
- Heroes to Hives (MI)
- Iowa State University (IA)
- Kansas Honey Producers Association (KS)
- Missouri State Beekeepers Association (MO)
- Nebraska Beekeepers Association (NE)
- Omaha Bee Club (NE)
- Rolla Bee Club (MO)
- High Mountain Pollinators and Bees (WY)
- Northeast Kansas Beekeepers Association (KS)
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln (NE)

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- **Discounts** at learning series programs
- Access to **members only resources**
- Online lectures and other **distance learning opportunities**
- Free entry into "**open apiary**" hands-on sessions
- Fun opportunities to **serve your community** through outreach and sharing your knowledge with others
- Cutting- edge updates on **scientifically-vetted** beekeeping practices
- Opportunities to **include yourself or your hives** in research and extension
- **Access to experts** to help you with beekeeping problems or questions
- **Enjoy fellowship** with other beekeepers that share your passion for bees!



CONTACT

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Go to our website for free resources and to become a member!

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GREAT PLAINS MASTER BEEKEEPING

REGIONAL BEEKEEPER TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Levels & Badges



In order to complete the entirety of the GPMB program, a Master Project must be submitted to the Governing Committee (GC) by the level 3 certified beekeeper. Once Approved, the project will be completed within the guidelines agreed upon by the GC and beekeeper.

Certified Master



- Full access to GPMB teaching resources
- Ability to teach Master classes & below
- Their project summary & picture in the GPMB newsletter
- A gift & Master Certificate
- Option to run for Governing Committee seat

This level focuses on professional development for beekeepers as educators, communicators, and advocates for the beekeeping industry as well as improving their management and pest monitoring.

Master Candidate



Master
In-Person Course Complete

Processing & Testing Fee From Journeyman to Master Candidate

\$100
(Renewed every other year)

Master
Volunteer Hours Complete

Volunteer Hours
20 hours per year, (40 every 2 years)

Master
Field Hours Complete

Field Hours
80 Cumulative Hours & Pass a field exam

Master
Online Training Complete

Education Credits
15 additional ed. Courses/ learning series covering 1 of each focus area. A final Master Project is also required for full access to GPMB teaching resources.

This level focuses on training that refines management skills and promotes economic growth for the beekeeper.

Journeyman



Journeyman
Online Training Complete

Education Credits
Complete learning objectives: Biology (B), Land Stewardship (L) & Professional Development (P)
Complete at least 3 Business & Economics (E) and Management (M) learning objectives

Journeyman
Field Hours Complete

Field Hours
40 cumulative field hours and pass a field exam.

Journeyman
Volunteer Hours Complete

Volunteer Hours
20 hours per year, (60 hours cumulative)

Journeyman
In-Person Course Complete

Processing & Testing Fee From Apprentice to Journeyman

\$80

This level focuses on basic training for colony management which includes starting colonies, health assessments, honey production, and overwintering to improve survival rates of honey bees.

Apprentice



Apprentice
In-Person Course Complete

FREE to join

Apprentice
Volunteer Hours Complete

Volunteer Hours
10 hours per year, (20 hours cumulative)

Apprentice
Field Hours Complete

Field Hours
20 Hours

Apprentice
Online Training Complete

Education Credits
Complete learning objectives 1.1-1.20
Take 1 in-person course to advance
Pass multiple choice exam

Start



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