

Open Apiary Training

(hosted by Great Plains Master Beekeepers Program)

The Great Plains Master Beekeeping (GPMB) program (<https://gpmb.unl.edu/>) is a regional education program that spans the Midwest. We partner with beekeeping organizations (such as NEKBA) to bring education opportunities for both new and experienced beekeepers. Our focus is to support local associations and help provide beekeepers with more mentors, resources, and hands-on training opportunities that help promote best management practices which will improve the health of our hives.

GPMB Session 1 Tricks of the Trade (PA)

Description: Feeling unsure when working your hives? Join UNL Bee Lab and GPMB mentors at the hives to practice working hives. Come work with mentors and learn by doing. The two 30-minute “in-the-hive activities” provided will help newer beekeepers learn some tips for increasing comfort and reducing weight loads.

Station 1: Level up: Tips for increasing comfort and confidence when working hives.

Station 2: Back breaking beekeeping: Tips for reducing weight loads.

* (Class duration: 1 hour; Class size limited to 20 people; We will bring extra suits)

GPMB Session 2 Trouble Shooting Hive Problems (PA)

Description: Is it the queen or the colony? Join UNL Bee Lab folks and GPMB mentors at the hives and learn how to identify hive problems and how to distinguish whether the issues are from a failing queen or the workers. We will have two 30-minute “in-the-hive activities” focused on interpreting brood patterns and identifying signs for failing queens.

Station 1: Interpreting brood patterns.

Station 2: Identifying signs for failing queens.

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Dr. Jamie Ellis

A Year in the Life of a Honey Bee Colony
Recognizing and Addressing Queen Events

Dr. Judy Wu-Smart

The Why, When's, and How's of Comb Replacement

Dr. Autumn Smart

Reproducing a Superorganism Honey Bee Anatomy and Functional Morphology