

Shawnee Co. Beginning Beekeeping at Ward-Meade Park 6:30-8:00 PM (3rd Wednesday)

2025 (124 NW Fillmore Street, Topeka, Kansas)

Date	Activity	Open Apiary*—Come to the farm and get inside the hives.	Notes/changes: See “Resources for Better Beekeeping” handout NEKBA membership www.nekba.org KHPA Membership www.kansashoneyproducers.org
2/19/2025 2/26/2025	Honey Bee Biology—the basis of modern beekeeping	*Open Apiary events will be canceled for weather or illness. You must preregister with Becky to attend the session. bstbees@gmail.com 785-554-1591 (c)	Order equipment and bees NOW. See Resources Page for recommendations. DO NOT BUY BEES without getting a recommendation from someone you know.
3/19 3/26	Starting Right: Equipment assembly Installing packages & hive locations.	March 23 March 30—Open Apiary 1 st inspections of the year Hive Evaluation.	
4/16	Swarm biology, controlling swarming through colony division. Q & A about new colonies **Meet in W-M Old Church	4/20- 4/27 Spring feeding and growth Making splits, installing queens	Using Q excluders Lighting smokers—smoker fuel SHB—traps
5/21	Summer beekeeping, monitoring buildup, controlling swarming impulse, supering, comb honey, recordkeeping.	5/25 Colony growth. Swarming and swarm catching	
6/7	Attend the NEKBA Funday (full day workshop—Becky will have flyers later this spring) AWESOME day of learning about bees.	DG. County Fairgrounds Register @ www.nekba.org	Amy Vu, University of Florida, Dr. Judy Wu-Smart (Univ. or Neb), Dr. Autumn Smart, Kim Mehalick, EAS Master Beekeeper. At the Hive with area experts.
6/18	What does healthy look like? Reading the frames. Disease overview: Nosema, Foul Brood, Varroa mite, Wax moth, SHB, et al.	6/22 Supering your hives Evaluating strength	
7/16	Harvesting your honey crop, extracting. Fair entries? Honey —care and handling.	7/13 Honey harvest—pulling supers for extracting at class NOTE THE DATE	Evaluating varroa
8/20	Monitoring hives, fall feeding, Varroa management IPM.	8/24 Varroa treatment options demonstrated	
9/17	Fall and winter management, emergency feeding, protecting your hives.	9/21 Winter preparation Mouse guards, wind breaks, feed	
10/15	Winter beekeeping activities		**want to learn something new, ask Becky or Steve
*Open Apiary: Work through hives with Becky & Steve. Seasonal activities. EVERY participant must wear a veil. Bring your own water please.			