

Date	Activity	Open Apiary*—Come to the farm and get inside the hives. Hands-on experience.	Notes/changes:
1/21/2026	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)	See “Resources for Better Beekeeping” handout NEKBA membership www.nekba.org KHPA Membership www.kansashoneyproducers.org Order equipment and bees NOW. See Resources Page for recommendations. DO NOT BUY BEES without getting a recommendation from someone you know.
2/18	Starting Right: Equipment assembly Installing packages & hive locations.		BEEKEEPING IS SEASONAL. Our apiary events are weather dependent. Topics may change to accommodate hive growth
3/18	Swarm biology, controlling swarming through colony division. Q & A about new colonies	3/22 1 st inspections. Spring feeding and growth. Colony evaluation.	Lighting smokers—smoker fuel SHB—traps
4/15	Summer beekeeping, monitoring buildup, controlling swarming impulse, supering, comb honey, recordkeeping.	4/19 Making splits, installing queens. Colony growth. Swarming and swarm catching	Using nuc boxes Splits and ways to divide colonies
5/20	What does healthy look like? Reading the frames. Disease overview: Nosema, Foul Brood, Varroa mite, Wax moth, SHB, et al.	5/24 Supering your hives Evaluating strength	Using Q excluders
6/6	NEKBA Funday (Becky will have flyers later)	Full Day workshop	Speakers TBD
6/17	IPM and Varroa mite management	6/21 Mite testing and treatments in the field	
7/15	Harvesting your honey crop, extracting demonstration . Fair entries? Honey —care and handling	7/12 NOTE THE DATE Pulling honey supers for extraction	
8/19	Fall management, feeding, protecting your hives.	8/23 Winter preparation, combining hives, Mouse guards, wind breaks, feed	
9/16	Wintertime beekeeping. Why hives die (it’s sad) **TBD What class do you want?	9/?? Final open apiary.	
10/21	Starting year 2—planning ahead		