



Tips for Beginner Beekeepers

We at the Nashville Area Beekeepers Association (NABA) are dedicated to the training of beekeepers. Here are some suggestions for beginner and prospective beekeepers:

- **Join NABA**---It only costs \$10 per year. Come to a meeting each month or join on-line at <http://nashbee.org> .
- **On-line Bee School**---A full 10 lesson beginner beekeeper school is available on-line at our web site <http://nashbee.org> under the “member resources tab”. The classes are free and taught by some of the best instructors in the state.
- **Hands-on Training at our Apiary**---During warm months this is done each month at the Ellington Agriculture Center (headquarters of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture) the first Tuesday of each month. (see web site)
- **Personal Mentoring**—We have a program with experienced beekeepers located throughout greater Nashville (see web site for mentors to contact).
- **Monthly Meetings**--- NABA meets the second Sunday of each month with great guest instructors and a chance in interact with experienced beekeepers. (see web site)
- **Beginner Bee School**— Each fall we conduct a 2-day beginner training in a Bee School in October. (see web site)
- **Library**---We have an extensive library of beekeeping books that may be checked out at our monthly meetings by members.
- **Newsletter**---We publish an informative electronic newsletter each month with news and tips. (All upcoming training events are highlighted)
- **Social Media**---NABA is on all major social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram). (see links on the web site)
- **Legal and Medical Advice** ---This is available from our members who are lawyers and doctors.
- **“List Serve”**---This is a social media site specifically for beginners, who are NABA members, to post questions. (go to nashvillebee-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)
- **Special Events and Field Training Days**--- Many educational and fun events during the year. (see web site and member newsletters)
- **Free Use of a Honey Extractor**---You do not need to buy an extractor for your first few honey harvests. You may borrow NABA’s honey extractor.
- **Numerous Other Things**---But, you need to be a member.