

# Outline for Bee School 2026

## January 20 BFD - CH #1 & 3 - Aggie HS Main Conference Room

- Hand-Out-Door Prize Tickets (ALL)
- Introduce the Bee School Faculty (Ed R)
- Overview of Bee School Syllabus (Ed R)
- Group networking (get to know fellow Bee School members from your local area) *(add 10 minutes)* (Ed R)
- **BREAK - Hands-on Around the Room (equipment, Hive Set-Ups, and experiences Beekeepers sharing realistic pictures of the effort it takes to be successful)**
- The Art of Beekeeping (Tony L)
  - History of Beekeeping / Colony Collapse & Mites...Plus
  - Time Intensive, Relatively Expensive, Frustrating at Times...
  - Legal Requirements / MDAR Resource and Registration / Insurance
- Wrap-Up and What's On-Tap for Next Week (Ed R)

## February 3 BFD - CH#1, 2, 4, 5, & 6 - Aggie Main Conference Room

- Hand-Out Door Prize Tickets (All)
- Sell Raffle Tickets (for Hive Set-ups and Bee Packages - Feb 10th) (All)
- Wood's Beekeeping Supplies (15 minutes)
- Bee Biology & Review (Ed R)
- **BREAK - Hands-On Around the Room - Once again - reviewing equipment, safety equipment, and sharing what it takes to be successful beekeepers (All)**
- Recommended Equipment List - cost, ordering, when to order & Review (Brian Mc)
- Ordering Bees / Packages, NUCS, Queens - And Timing - when to order (Brian Mc)
- Door Prize (TBD)

## February 10 BFD - CH#3 & 6 - Aggie Main Conference Room

- Sell Raffle Tickets (for Hive Set-ups and Bee Packages on February 10th) (ALL)
- Name Tag Sign Up (Dana)
- Barker's Beekeeping Supplies (15 minutes)
- Apiary Site Selection (Mo Khalil)
- **Break - showing variety of packages and NUCs and demo-ing installing them in a single deep hive to start**
- Installing a Package (Ed R)
- Installing a NUC (Mo K)
- Door Prize (TBD)

## February 24 BFD - CH#12 & 13 - Aggie Main Conference Room

- Sell Raffle Tickets (for Hive Set-ups and Bee Packages) (ALL)
- Build Your Own Hive Equipment (15 Minutes) (Neil?)
  - quick presentation on an alternative option to buying finished equipment - building boxes and frames...savings, plans, and resources at break to review)
- Pests, Diseases and Mite Control Part 1 (Greg R)
- **BREAK - Hands On around the room with variety of Pest Management tools (Formic Pro, Oxalic Acid dribble and vaporization tools, safety equipment, hive beetle resources...) & Build Your Own resources (buying kits, plans, savings vs buying finished equipment)**
- Pests, Diseases and Mite Control Part 2 (Greg R)
- Mentor Program & Mentor Sign Up (Archie A)
- **BIG Raffle Drawing (2 hives)**

### March 3 - BFD - CH#7 & 8 - Aggie Main Conference Room

- Name Tag & Mentor Sign Up (Dana)
- Spring Hive Management (Brian Mc)
- **Break - Several 2-deep Hive set-ups to allow students to practice hive inspection activities**
- Hive Inspection (Ed R)
- Door Prize (TBD)

### March 10 - BFD - CH#9 - Aggie Main Conference Room

- LAST CHANCE - Name Tag Sign Up (Dana)
- Summer Hive Management Part 1 (Carolyn H)
- **BREAK - a variety of hive set ups and beekeeping tools for students to inspect and become aware of and get hands on experience with**
- Summer Hive Management Part 2 (Carolyn H)
- Door Prize (TBD)

### March 17 - BFD - CH#9 - Aggie Main Conference Room

- Fall / Winter Management (Mo K)
- **Hands-On Around the Room with an emphasis on winter resources - hive wraps, vapor control (homosote boards...), and insulation**
- Fall / Winter Management (Mo K)
- Door Prize (TBD)

### March 24 - BFD - CH#4 - Aggie Main Conference Room

- Sustainability in Your Apiary (Archie A)
- **Break - Hive set-ups and Beekeeping Equipment for students to become familiar with, including swarm tools (swarm commander, swarm traps, swarm vacuums**
- Swarm Control (Archie A)
- Queens (Archie A.)

### March 31 - BFD - CH#16, 17, & 18 - Aggie Main Conference Room

- Meet Your Mentor (Archie A)
- Products of the Hive / Commercializing Your Beekeeping
  - Processing Wax (Tony L)
  - Collecting Pollen and Propolis (Tony L)
  - Honey Extraction, Bottling & Labeling (Ed R)
- Insurance Considerations (Sheila McCarthy)
- **Break - NO hives this week - just honey extraction tools, wax melting and forming molds, and honey bottling and an insurance table for folks with questions for the Insurance Rep**
- Mark the Dates & Sign Up Next week or today
  - (April 11, 18, 25 - Hive Dives and Installation Demos; Capron Park Zoo, Medway Community Farm, Various Mentor Apiaries)

### April 7 - BFD - Final - Aggie Cafeteria

- Smoker Lighting - (Mo K)
- Final Test (Ed R MC's the Final with All Faculty Chiming In)
- Review NCBA Activities and year-around support for beekeepers including a signup sheet for volunteer opportunities to get involved with the club (Mo K as President)
- Receive NCBA Name Tag and Diploma (Ed R and Mo K)
- Evaluation filled out
- Schedule for "Hands-On Live Hive Dives" in April and May (Mentors and Faculty at their Apiaries)
  - Saturdays, April 11, 18, 25 - we'll schedule hive dives among school faculty's Apiaries, at the Capron Park Zoo's Hives, and at Bee School Student's Apiaries for package and NUC installations and invite Bee School Students to those events.
- Cake, Snacks and Camaraderie

**(Textbook = Beekeeping for Dummies, Howland Blackiston 5th Edition)**