

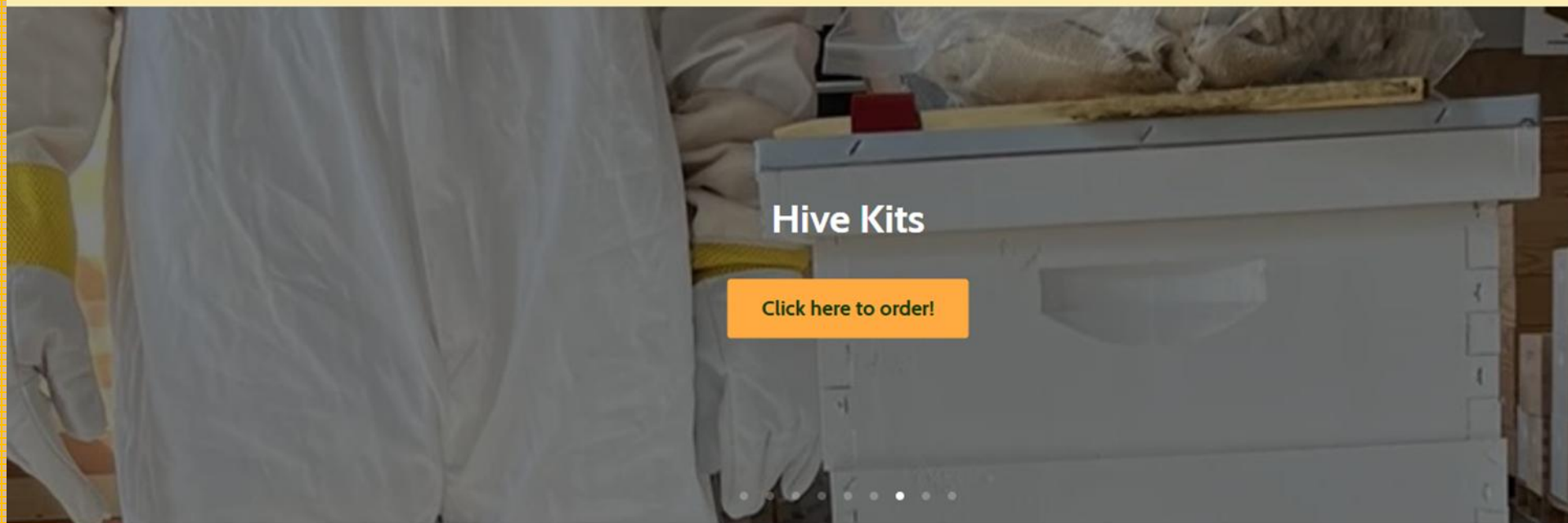
# NCBA BEE SCHOOL 2026

Introduction to Week 3 – February 10th

- Announcements:
  - NO CLASS NEXT WEEK, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – We'll See You Feb 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Check spelling of your name for NCBA Nametags
  - Check off if you'd like a mentor
  - Raffle Tickets for Hive Set-Ups
- Wood's Beekeeping Supplies
- Apiary Site Selection
- Break – Look at various bee NUCs and package configurations – Practice your MOVES
- Installing a NUC & Package



# WOOD'S BEE KEEPING



- Located in Local in Lincoln, RI
- Wood's Beekeeping Supplies <<https://woodsbees.com/>>
  - Supplies
  - Bee Packages and Queens
  - Classes

#### STORE HOURS



Saturday - 9am to 2pm  
Sunday-Monday- Closed  
Tuesday-Friday - 9am to 4pm



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# INSTALLING A PACKAGE

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# SET UP AND PRACTICE...CHECKLIST

- Make sure you're happy with the location of where the hive(s) will be.
- Make sure you have a strong level surface (Hive Stand) for your hive(s).
- Hive(s) should be facing Southeast and not towards your neighbor's door or backyard!
- You have all the needed pieces of the hive e.g. entrance reducer, extra empty box, feeder/sticks, jars of syrup etc.
- You have your hive tool and a lighted smoker!

# PICKING UP YOUR PACKAGE



Which car you are taking? Who's coming with you?

Bring a veil & gloves if you're not comfortable with bees yet...a few always get loose...

- If the Package will be transported inside the car, expect to see a few bees flying around while driving home
- If needed, get a “mesh laundry bag” that you can purchase to place the Package in during transport
- The bees are not trying to sting you in the car, so don't panic!

Do not place the bees in your trunk or truck bed if it's a hot day!

Try to keep the drive home as comfortable and smooth as possible for your thousands of companions!

# PREPARING

- Practice the process without bees several times.
- Place the Package right next to the new hive
- Open the new hive & remove at least 1 frame to make room for the queen cage – have your wire or queen cage holder ready
  - And 3-4 frames for space for the “bee dump”
- Get your smoker ready and smoking
- Make sure you’re all zipped up and ready to go (no shorts and tuck your pants into your socks)
- Make sure your spectators or guests are protected & have a camera ready to go as well
- Take a few deep breathes and let’s get started!

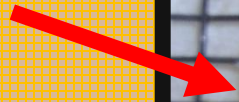


# YOUR FIRST PACKAGE – 3LBS OR 13,000 BEES & QUEEN



# QUEEN & HER ATTENDANTS

Candy Plug End



Cork Plug End

# PUTTING THE QUEEN IN THE HIVE



Using either a commercial queen cage installer or a piece of wire,

Position the queen cage between two frames in the middle of the hive and a bit off center (see the arrow)

NOT HERE (right below the inner cover opening)

HERE (offset to the front or back)

## Various feeding options:

### 1:1 Sugar Syrup

- **Ingredients:** Use standard white granulated sugar and water. Do not use brown or organic sugars, as they can be harmful to bees.
- **Ratio:** Mix equal parts of sugar and water by volume or weight. For example, mix 10 2/3 cups of sugar with 10 2/3 cups of water for one gallon of syrup.
- **Mixing:** Combine the sugar and water in a bucket.
- **Heating:** Gently heat the mixture while stirring until the sugar is completely dissolved. Do not boil it.
- **Cooling:** Remove from heat and allow the syrup to cool to room temperature before feeding.
- **Optional additions:** You can add supplements like Lemongrass oil, Nozevit Plus or Honey-B-Healthy to the *cooled* syrup to help with bee health and attraction.

### Sugar Patties

- **Basic Recipe:** Combine 4 pounds of sugar with 1/2 cup of water. Some recipes use a higher water-to-sugar ratio, such as 12 cups of sugar to 1 cup of water.
- **For digestion:** Add 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon of white vinegar or citric acid to help invert the sugar.
- **For protein:** Incorporate a pollen substitute, like [Bee Pro](#), for a protein boost.
- **For flavor:** Some beekeepers add a small amount of a bee-friendly essential oil like [Honey B Healthy](#).
- Primarily for Winter supplemental Feeding

### Pollen Patties

- **Pollen provides the protein in bee nutrition – and stimulates brood rearing.**

NOW WE WAIT....AND FEED... FEED... FEED!

# Wrap-Up:

- Q&A
- Starting to “SAVE THE DATES”
  - April 11
  - April 18
  - April 25
  - At several NCBA Locations; Capron Park Zoo, Medway Community Farm, NCBA Member Apiaries, Bee School Student Apiaries
- What’s Coming Up Next Week:
  - Building Your Own Hive Equipment & Pinch a Few Pennies with Neil Kaiser
  - Pests, Diseases, and Mite Testing and Control with Greg Rushton
  - Mite Testing and Various Disease Management tools and remedies
- Door Prize

