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**Becoming a Hobby Beekeeper Short Course**  
**Saturday, December 12, 2009**  
**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Explore the world of honey bees and steps to becoming a beekeeper at the "Becoming a Hobby Beekeeper Short Course." This program is hosted by the University of Florida IFAS Extension with the help of local beekeeping enthusiasts. This intensive short course will cover all aspects of beginning beekeeping. The session date is Saturday, December 12 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The program will be held at the UF/IFAS Extension office on 1010 N. McDuff Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32254.

**Pre-registration is required** by December 7, 2009. There is a \$15.00 registration fee (\$20.00 per couple) for this course to cover the purchase of materials. It will be a hands-on short course, where participants will be involved with working with an active hive at our Urban Gardening Program. This course will allow the participants to receive a complete perspective of the process and expense involved with keeping honey bees as a hobby. It should allow the participant to decide if this is something they want to do. For others, it offers an excellent opportunity to learn about this useful, often misunderstood insect so important to our food supply. For more information you can reach us at (904)387-8850.

Please note: As this activity involves direct contact with a stinging insect, no children will be admitted without prior approval and after discussion with Parent and/or Guardian.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact Brad Burbaugh at (904) 387-8850.

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# **AGENDA**

Becoming a Hobby Beekeeper Short Course

Saturday, December 12, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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**8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

**Registration**

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**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

- **View 30 minute film on Bee Equipment and how to set up a hive**
  - Demonstrations of standard Langstrom hive and discussion of Top Bar Hives and Warre' Hives.
  - Question and answer with local beekeepers.
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**10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

- **View 30 minute film on Packaged Bees & Queens and Sources for help.**
  - Introduction to potential sources for help (Mentors, Local/State Bee Associations).
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**10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

- **View 30 minute film on Installing Bees and how to get them off to a good start.**
  - Bee installation Demonstration
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**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Lunch

**Drinks provided but bring your own food & we'll eat together!**

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**12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

- **View 30 minute film on Honeybee Pests**
  - 15 minute Q&A by panel of local beekeepers.
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**1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

- **The Africanized Honeybee**
  - We'll discuss this serious problem for the Hobbyist Beekeeper and how it might affect your decision to keep bees.
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**1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

- **Visit to Hive Opportunity for anyone agreeable to it.**
  - Bee Veils Provided – This activity is weather dependant
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**2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

- **View 30 minute Film on Honey Collection and Extraction Techniques.**
  - Evaluation, Wrap-up, Honey Bee Association Meetings.
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Registration Form to be returned to:

Beginning Bee Short Course  
Duval County Extension  
1010 N. McDuff Avenue  
Jacksonville, Florida 32254

**Note: Make Check out to DCOHAC in the amount of \$15.00 for individuals and \$20.00 for couples and return no later than December 7, 2009 along with the top portion of this page.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of adults attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Directions to Duval County IFAS Extension**  
1010 N McDuff Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202

**From the North (Interstate 95)**- Take I-95 South until you reach the Beaver St exit in Downtown Jacksonville. Head west on Beaver St. until you can take a right on McDuff. Cross over Commonwealth Ave and take the first left into the parking lot.

**From the South (Interstate 95)**- Take I 95 North until you reach the Beaver St exit in Downtown Jacksonville. Head west on Beaver St. until you can take a right on McDuff. Cross over Commonwealth Ave and take the first left into the parking lot.

**From the West ( Interstate 10)**- Take I-10 east until you reach Edgewood Ave. Take Edgewood Avenue North until you reach Commonwealth Blvd and then take a right on Commonwealth and head south until you reach McDuff Avenue. Take a left on McDuff and then your first left into the parking lot.

**From Downtown Jacksonville**- Take Union Street to I-95 South. You will almost immediately hit the Beaver St. exit. Head west on Beaver St. until you can take a right on McDuff. Cross over Commonwealth Ave and take the first left into the parking lot.