



# Beginning Beekeeping

## Are You Interested In:

- Keeping bees to connect with nature?
- Improving your health with raw honey, bees wax, pollen, antibacterial propolis, and bee venom?
- Pollinating your flower and vegetable gardens?
- Growing the right type of plants to maintain native pollinators and honey bees in balance?

## Or, You May Be:

Already a beekeeper and have experienced some losses thus far? We'll share our understanding of how bees overcome challenges. And you'll learn techniques that leverage their natural abilities to adapt and thrive. This program will guide you season by season into keeping bees sustainably.

**Location:** Live in-person at the Cook County Farm Bureau  
6438 Joliet Rd, Countryside, IL 60525 or Via Zoom

**Date:** Tuesdays Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:00 to 8:00 pm

**Cost:** \$50 for Cook County Farm Bureau or CookDupage Beekeepers Association members. \$75 for non-members; ask how to join!

**Registration Details:** Register by calling the CCFB office at (708) 354-3276; members can register at the Member Center Online. For additional information, email Debbie Voltz at [membershipdebbie@cookcfb.org](mailto:membershipdebbie@cookcfb.org).

## We'll Cover:

- ✓ Honey Bee Behavior, Biology, and Fascinating Features;
- ✓ Evolution of Hive Designs and their Management Techniques;
- ✓ Tools and Equipment You Must Have and How Much You Should Expect to Budget;
- ✓ Practical Ways to Obtain High Quality Bees to Get Started;
- ✓ What Happens Inside the Colony from Day 1 thru Winter and into Second Season Spring;
- ✓ Case Studies on What You May Find While Inspecting Your Colony;
- ✓ Best practices on How and When to Harvest Honey and Other Hive Products.

Sessions are led by *Kim Kulton*, President, Bee All About It. Kim operates a commercial beekeeping business producing local honey, breeding Queens, and rescuing bees. And, *Pete Soltesz*, President of CookDupage Beekeepers Association, one of the largest bee clubs in the Midwest. With the goal that their bees thrive in a chem-free environment; produce an abundant, great-tasting, honey crop; and survive over winter, Pete and Kim challenge modern conventional beekeeping wisdom, and share their extensive experience in what works locally in our Chicago area counties.