

# BEKEEPING

## LYMAN WOODS NATURE CENTER



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### Lyman Woods Apiary

Lyman Woods is home to a teaching apiary, continuing the legacy of beekeeping started by Walter C. Lyman in the 1800's. The hives on-site are used to educate all ages on the importance of bees and the art of beekeeping.

### Honey Harvest

Honey is also harvested each summer and sold in the Nature Center. Honey from Lyman Woods apiary is harvested in August and is available for sale on a first come first served basis. As well as an educational resource, honey bees are also an essential part of food production - bees are responsible for pollinating about one-third of our food that sustains us.

### Outreach Programs

Can't come to Lyman Woods? We can come to you! Most of our beekeeping programs are available as an outreach. Don't see the program you are looking for? Contact us to discuss other options.

For more details or to book any beekeeping program, contact Lyman Woods at

**630-963-9388**



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**[lymanwoods.org](http://lymanwoods.org)**

learn more about Lyman Woods, view photos, a trail map and seasonal programs online.

# BEEKEEPING PROGRAMS

## Adults (16 yrs+)

### Beginner Beekeeping Course

This 6-week course will introduce you to basic honeybee biology, social insect behavior and honeybee colony dynamics as well as teach you the ins and outs of maintaining a hive throughout the entire year. We will take you through everything from ordering gear and equipment to harvesting honey and other products of the hive. Participants will receive a beginner's beekeeping book and a Certificate of Completion as part of the course.

*Length:* 6 weeks (2 hrs/week) *Fee:* \$75/person *Min/max:* 5/20

### Advanced Beekeeping Course

The advanced beekeeping course delves deeper into pest management, harvesting and extracting honey, swarm management, overwintering hives, and other topics that go beyond first year beekeeping. Completion of the Beginner Beekeeping Course and/or some beekeeping experience strongly recommended.

*Length:* 3 weeks (2 hrs/week) *Fee:* \$40/person *Min/max:* 5/20

### Intro to Beekeeping Workshop

Contemplating keeping bees, or just curious about this fascinating hobby? Join us to learn the fundamentals every new beekeeper should know. You'll start by learning the basics of bee biology, and then have a chance to examine the inner workings of our observation bee hive. You will leave with an understanding of how to get started in beekeeping, the equipment and supplies needed, and the joys and challenges of managing a honeybee hive!

*Length:* 3 hours *Fee:* \$20/person *Min/max:* 5/20

### Beeswax Candlemaking

The possibilities are endless when it comes to beeswax candles! Find out how to refine beeswax from the hive and how to prepare it for candle making. Try your hand at designing candles from this clean, non-toxic product. Leave with your own hand-rolled candle, and supplies to make your own votive candle at home.

*Length:* 2 hours *Fee:* \$20/person *Min/max:* 5/15

### Creamed Honey\*

Honey is good, but creamed honey is even better! Learn the process of creating creamed honey, and mix up a batch to take home to enjoy.

*Length:* 1.5 hours *Fee:* \$20/person *Min/max:* 5/20

### Honey Tasting

Join us for an evening of honey tasting! Taste several varieties of honey harvested locally and from across the country while exploring their attributes, including color, aroma, texture and, of course, flavor. Discover their unique characteristics and what influences their flavor. Learn the science behind honey and what makes it so beneficial.

*Length:* 1.5 hours *Fee:* \$20/person *Min/max:* 5/15

\*seasonal program

### Plight of the Honeybee Lecture

Learn what challenges honeybees face and some of the things that we can do to help them. Discover how honeybees work as a colony and what it takes to be a present day beekeeper.

*Length:* 1 hour *Fee:* \$100/group

### Apiary Tour\*

Discover why honeybees are beneficial and how they function as a colony. Take a walk to the Lyman Woods apiary and suit up for an unforgettable look into the hives.

*Length:* 1 hour, at Lyman Woods only *Fee:* \$125/group *Max:* 15

## Youth Programs

### Honeybees!

Learn all about the fascinating honeybee and what it takes to be a beekeeper. Check out first-hand all the beekeeping tools and equipment. Then take a hike to observe these pollinators in action!

*Length:* 1 hour *Fee:* \$60/group *Max:* 15

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### Visit the Bee Yard\*

Visit our bee yard and experience what it takes to be a beekeeper. Suit up to peer into a live hive and witness honeybees up close to discover how they work together in a colony. At Lyman Woods only.

*Length:* 1.5 hours *Fee:* \$90/group *Max:* 15

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### Beekeeping Birthday Party\*

Celebrate your Bee-Day at Lyman Woods! Discover what it takes to be a beekeeper and suit up to learn all about the fascinating honeybee. Take a trip to the bee yard and observe live honeybees at work.

*Fee:* \$115/10 children; \$5 each additional child *Max:* 15

AGE  
9yrs+

## Youth Group Outreaches

We bring our bees to you! Travel fees apply.

### Meet a Beekeeper

Meet our beekeeper and learn what it takes to look after honeybees! Peek into our traveling hive to see the bees in action and how they make honey. Then join in a waggle dance as we discover the many ways bees communicate.

*Length:* 45 min. *Fee:* \$65/group *Max:* 25

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### Bees and Beekeepers

Discover what it takes to be a beekeeper. See the tools and equipment we use and observe live bees in our traveling observation hive! Learn how honeybees work together as a colony to make honey.

*Length:* 1 hour *Fee:* \$75/group *Max:* 25

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