

Honey I've Got The Bees©

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Beekeeping – Basic Course

Cibolo Nature Center & Farm

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What will I learn in a beekeeping course? Some beekeeping courses consist of 2-3 hours of group lessons. If one has a basic understanding of beekeeping 2-3 hours of personal one-on-one training can be extremely valuable. Personally, I find it challenging to provide the required information in 8-9 hours but have been rewarded with wonderful comments from my beekeeping students over the years (see below).

My goals for the course are: provide a wonderful family-oriented setting for students to learn the basics of beekeeping in one day. Give the newbie beekeeping students the confidence to set up a hive and know how to maintain a healthy hive. Teach students to optimize their beekeeping budget. There are many ways to save \$\$\$\$. You do not need all the equipment, tools and supplies that people recommend. The Texas legislature passed a law in 2011 (Beekeeping Property Tax Special Valuation) that allows you to raise bees in lieu of (or in addition) cattle, sheep etc. Learn how you can reduce your taxes by having bees on your property.

In addition to newbie beekeepers, my students have included a number of more experienced beekeepers. There is always something new to learn. You will hear the phrase – “talk with 10 beekeepers and you will get 20 opinions.” My goal is to help you be successful beekeepers and to make it fun for you and your family.

Instructor

Don Fraser Pharm.D MBA SPHR, SHRM-SCP is the **Vice-President - Alamo Area Beekeepers Association and Past Vice-President – Native Plant Society of Texas – Boerne Chapter**. Dr Fraser is a former Associate Professor of Pharmacy at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and a founding Associate Editor of Pharmacotherapy with Russell Miller, PharmD. Ph.D. Prior to starting a human resources consulting firm in 2000, he worked in the pharmaceutical industry for 15+ years. He has published extensively in the healthcare literature

and served as an Adjunct Faculty Member at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio where he has taught business communications, managerial communications and marketing courses.

Beekeeping

- 12 plus years beekeeping experience in South Texas
- Developed the “Honey I’ve Got the Bees” course in 2010 and have taught the course to hundreds of adults and children in South Texas
- **Master Naturalist – CE Credit 6 hours – “Honey I’ve Got The Bees.” – Basic Course**
- **Beekeeping Blog – Honey I’ve Got The Bees texmanbees.wordpress.com**

For additional information on the course content or bee-related questions pre- and post- the class please contact Dr Fraser, Boerne, TX (210) 860-9558 cell texmanbees@gmail.com

What did past students think of the course and course content? Question - “Please tell us what you thought about the class: Did we meet, exceed, or fail your expectations?”

- **“The “Honey I’ve Got The Bees” Course is a can’t miss! Don knows the answers and why they are the answers. Have fun.”**
- **“Exceed expectations!”**
- **“Though I had worked with hives before when my Dad was living, I had no idea about so many organic adaptations. Your presentation really opened my eyes to a better way to work with bees.”**
- **“Wonderful Experience! I can’t imagine beginning a hive without it.”**
- **“Exceed expectations. The instructor met individual needs and questions. Very complete helpful set of resources.”**
- **“Excellent. More than I ever thought I’d know about bees.”**
- **“Thank you so much. The class was wonderful!”**
- **“I enjoyed the class immensely...great info and all very practical.”**
- **Your class was a wonderful, informative experience. If I had profs like you when I was in college no telling what great things I would have done.”**
- **I really appreciate you giving your weekend to make more people aware of the gift of bees. The whole day was awesome; it just wasn’t long enough. For what you sacrificed and spent on making it all happen, I think you should double the price.”**

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Master Naturalist – CE Credit. In 2014, the Texas Master Naturalists awarded the “Honey I’ve Got the Bees” course 6 CE Credit Hours. Attendees will receive a certificate when they complete the course.

Senate Bill 1766, which passed during the 84th Legislative Session, provides an exemption for “small honey producers” as defined by the law. This exemption prohibits wholesaling or selling via the internet. The effective date of this bill was September 1, 2015.