

Dahlem Environmental Education Center offers
A hands-on course for those *Wanting to be a Beekeeper*

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This course will cover rules and regulations for beekeeping, honey bee biology, the workings and components of a bee hive, beekeeping tools and protective gear, obtaining bees, seasonal hive management, bee disease and pest management and honey extraction. Classes will include review of textbook readings, lectures and hands-on experience in the on-site bee yard.

Class dates: Twelve (12) sessions being held on **Sundays**, beginning March 8 – September 27 with two (2) additional evening classes for installing bees and relocating hives

Instruction times: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm unless noted otherwise

- **Class location:** Dahlem Environmental Education Center 7117 S Jackson Road, Jackson, MI
- **Apiary Location:** Dahlem Ecology Farm 1427 Wickwire Rd, Jackson, MI

Class Book: *First Lessons in Beekeeping* by Keith Delaplane

Tuition: \$150 per person payable in advance online at www.dahlemcenter.org/beekeeping-class/

**Please contact Denise Bigham at Dahlem for any questions regarding payment 517-782-3453*

Bees, Equipment and Hive purchases

Participant is required to purchase bees, equipment* and hives*. Information on purchasing bee, hive equipment and protective clothing will be provided in the first class.

Only uncontaminated equipment is allowed in the shared bee yard

Three possible hands-on arrangements:

1. You have your student hive in the Dahlem bee yard;
2. You have your student hive at your location;
3. **You do not have to have your own hive, but can observe the hives in the Dahlem bee yard** (you will still need your own protective clothing).

**For budgeting purposes be aware that (unless you build your own hive bodies), hive kits and protective clothing estimated costs are between \$200-\$370 and a package of bee is around \$125-140.*

NOTICE: Before being allowed to participate in the beekeeping class, all participants must sign a waiver releasing Dahlem and all affiliates from injuries resulting from the inherent risks of beekeeping. The waiver will be supplies on the first day of class.