

Registration Information

Registration includes donuts & coffee, a boxed lunch, and an afternoon snack. Water and soft drinks will be available throughout the day.

Registration Cost: \$35

- Registration is limited to the first **150** pre-registered participants. When the school reaches that number, the school will be closed, and no additional registrations will be accepted.
- No walk-ins or late registrations will be accepted.
- Unless the conference is canceled, no refunds will be given for this conference. We must pay for your food whether you show up or not.

How to Register

Online (preferred method)

Go to the Extension website and click on the link at the top of the homepage to get to the SW Ohio Beekeeper School page **OR** scan the QR code on the back of this brochure to access online registration

- Fast & easy.
- Pay with your credit card.

Note: A separate registration must be submitted for each person attending the school. It must include their class selections and meal choice.

By Mail

- Go to the event website.
- Print off a registration form.
- Make your check payable to **OSU Extension**.
- Mail your registration and check to:

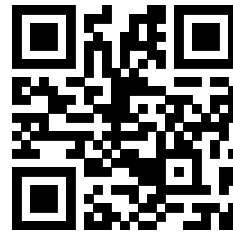
Ohio State University Extension
Warren County
320 E. Silver Street
Lebanon, OH 45036

If you register by mail with no email address provided, no confirmation will be sent to you. Contact the Warren County Extension office if you have questions about your registration.

ECO-FRIENDLY APPROACH TO HANDOUTS

The Southwestern Ohio Beekeeper School uses an eco-friendly, more cost-effective approach for handouts. We do not print paper copies of the handouts. Instead, all available handouts for the school will be posted on the **Event Website** by the Thursday prior to the school. If you would prefer a hard copy of the handouts, please print them off at home and bring them with you to the school.

The OSU Extension office has free Wi-Fi available. You are welcome to bring a tablet or smart phone with you to view the handouts online while attending the classes.



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Event Contact Information

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Southwestern Ohio Beekeeper School

Saturday, February 28, 2026

NEW LOCATION

Ohio State University Extension
Butler County
1802 Princeton Road
Hamilton, OH



LOWER PRICE: \$35 / PERSON
Pre-registration required. Limited to the first 150 registrations. No walk-ins permitted. Registration opens December 1st. Registration closes February 18th or whenever we reach 150 registrations, whichever comes first.



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
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AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Morning Agenda

8:00 a.m.

Doors and vendors open. Coffee & donuts available.

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

(Two sessions available. Select one.)

Morning Session 1A:

Getting Started with Bees

Instructor: Amanda Bennett, Ohio State University Extension

The target audience for this class is people starting beekeeping or thinking about getting bees in 2026. Things you will learn about during this session:

- Bee biology for beekeepers.
- Recommended equipment.
- Apiary requirements.
- Best practices for keeping bees.
- A beekeeping calendar by month, including what's going on in the hive, what beekeepers should look for, and info about weather & plant bloom times to provide food for the hive.

Morning Session 1B:

The Second Year & Beyond

Instructors: Larry Johnson & Kenny Rouse, Butler County Beekeepers

The target audience for this class is people that own bees but need to know what to do next. Things you will learn about during this session:

- Swarm management.
- When to add supers.
- Hive manipulation.
- Comb building and its value.
- When to extract honey.
- Treatments and their effects.
- Feeding or not?
- Mite testing or not?
- Hive beetle management.

Lunch

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Jimmy John's Lunch Boxes

Includes a bag of chips and dessert

You must make your selection when registering. No special orders available.

The Pepe

Ham, provolone, lettuce, tomato, and mayo.

Turkey Tom

Turkey, lettuce, tomato, and mayo.

Vito

Salami, capocollo, provolone, onion, lettuce, tomato, oil & vinegar, oregano-basil.

The Veggie

Provolone, avocado spread cucumber, lettuce, tomato, mayo.

Vendors

Vendors will be available from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Happ Bee Acres Bee Supply

Happ Bee Acres is willing to deliver your beekeeping supply orders to the SW Ohio Beekeeper School to save on shipping costs. Go to <https://happbeeacres.com/> to order your bee supplies by February 26th to take advantage of this offer. At check-out on their website, select "event pickup" and type "SW Ohio Beekeeper School" as the location for pickup.

Butler County Beekeeper's Association

Wild Hives LLC

Afternoon Agenda

12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Two sessions available. Select one.)

Afternoon Session 2A:

Queen Bootcamp

Instructor: Dylan Ryals, Purdue University

Things you will learn about during this session:

- Queen health and life cycle.
- Queen replacement and introduction,
- Queen rearing basics.
- Swarms and splits.

Afternoon Session 2B:

All About Honey & Hive Products

Instructors: Larry Johnson & Kenny Rouse, Butler County Beekeepers

Things you will learn about during this session:

- Harvesting, storing, bottling, and un-crystallizing honey.
- Containers & labels.
- Rendering wax.
- Collecting propolis.
- Infusing & creaming honey.
- Making lotions and lip balm.

Water, soft drinks, and snacks will be available during the afternoon break.

