

Planning Ahead for Your First Hives

Sessions 3/11 & 3/18



Course Description:

We are very excited to be hosting “Planning Ahead for Your First Hives” short course at the Harry H. Laidlaw Jr. Honey Bee Research Facility at UC Davis. The short course will include lectures and hands-on exercises. This course is perfect for those who have little or no beekeeping experience and would like to obtain more knowledge and practical skills to move on to the next step of owning and caring for their own honey bee colonies.

Lecture modules will cover:

- Honey bee biology
- Beekeeping equipment
- How to start your colony
- Maladies of the hive

Practical modules will cover:

- How to build a hive
- How to install a package
- Inspecting your hive
- Monitoring for varroa mites

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Participants will have the opportunity to learn about and practice many aspects of what is necessary to get the colony started and keep it healthy and thriving. At the end of the course participants will be knowledgeable about installing honey bee packages, monitoring their own colonies and possible challenges with maintaining a healthy colony.

Logistics:

The course size is limited to 25 participants per session. Please bring your bee suit/veil if you own one! The \$95 registration fee covers the cost of course materials (including a hive tool), lunch and refreshments on the day of the short course. Participants are responsible for obtaining their own lodging. Short course will be held at the Harry H. Laidlaw Jr. Honey Bee Research Facility on UC Davis campus. For directions visit: <http://elninobeelab.ucdavis.edu/map.html>. Registration links are below!

3/11: <https://registration.ucdavis.edu/Transaction/Checkout/267>

3/18: <https://registration.ucdavis.edu/Transaction/Checkout/268>



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