



## Welcome to Beekeeping | Workshop Series

In this hands-on workshop series, you will learn the basics of starting and managing a home apiary with Burleigh Sunflower & Cliff Sunflower. Burleigh is co-owner of Erskine's and a beekeeper with 30 years of beekeeping experience. Cliff Sunflower is a Certified Master Beekeeper (and Burleigh's father), with over 30 years of experience! Burleigh & Cliff will introduce participants to the world of bees, the hive they live in, and the tools needed to care for them throughout the year. The course meets over six sessions.

### Who should take this class?

- \* Never ever beekeepers and beginner beekeepers.
- \* Ages 8 and up: ages 8-14 must be accompanied by a paying adult, ages 15 and up may attend without a chaperone.

**Where:** Split between Chester Town Hall and Burleigh's Apiary at Treehog Farm. (169 Lower Bartonville Rd., Chester, VT. 5 miles south of Erskine's). All workshops, except for #1, take place outdoors in the apiary, with discussion prior to and/or following the time in the bees.

**When:** For 2026, we're setting the specific date for the first workshop, and leaving it a little vague for the remaining 5. These sessions are weather dependent, and after a few years of running the class, we've learned it makes more sense to come up with the exact date and time closer to it happening. We aim for a Saturday or Sunday either way.

- \* **March 21 (Saturday), 9am to noon**, Indoors at Chester Town Hall.  
Introduction to the honeybee lifecycle and beekeeping equipment.
- \* **Late April** at Treehog Farm.  
Hiving Package Bees. You've got a 3 lb box of bees... now what?! Demonstration of how to establish your bees in their new home.
- \* **Mid-May** at Treehog Farm.  
Spring in the hive!
- \* **Late July** at Treehog Farm.  
Varroa mite management and treatments.
- \* **Mid-September** at Treehog Farm.  
Pulling Honey; one of the many rewards of keeping bees.
- \* **Mid-October** at Treehog Farm.  
Preparing your hives for winter.

**Cost:** \$225 per person (add a second person from your household and save \$30). Payment is due upon signup to secure your spot!

	Participant 1	Participant 2
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Phone #</b>		
<b>Email</b>		