

The 5th Annual Central Texas Tour de Hives

The 5th Annual Central Texas Tour de Hives is coming up soon and we have lots of cool stuff planned for everyone to enjoy!

Event Location:
Zilker Botanical Gardens
2220 Barton Springs Rd.
Austin, Texas

Learn more about beekeeping and related topics such as planting native bee friendly plants, how to make a solar wax melter, mead making, and more. We have 3 days with event stuff happening!!!

All events take place indoors at the Zilker Botanical Gardens
2220 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX
(Hive touring is offsite Saturday from 9am-12pm only)

Beeswax Maker Workshop:
Friday, August 18th
from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

\$25 - Learn how to make lip balm and tea light candles, get some easy recipes, and more. Hands on and you will take products home!(Class is limited to 50 participants, **MUST** pre-register by August 16th). Workshop Sponsor: The Beeswax Co.



Come search for the queen bee! At the Annual Tour de Hives event families can get a closer look via the indoor observation hive with a live colony .

The 2017 Tour de Hives is sponsored by:
Travis County Beekeepers and Bee Friendly Foundation.
This event is a yearly fundraiser with proceeds donated to nonprofit(s) dedicated to helping bees, beekeeper and public education, and bee research.

Please make checks or donations to:
Bee Friendly Foundation



5th Annual Tour de Hives - Public Event:
Saturday, August 19th
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00
p.m.

A day full of speakers in the Auditorium, Vendors with products in the Greene Room, an observation hive with a live colony, Honey Queens & Princesses, Learn about REAL Texas Honey, Honey Tasting, Silent Auction, & Raffle Prizes - something will be happening all day, check the schedule on the tour website. There will also be lots of bee yards to tour from Dripping Springs to Georgetown and more!
Admission to the event is **\$5** per group of up to 5 people and **\$1** for any extras traveling in same group! (1 tour map per group) - Buy tickets and

sign waivers online or in person, on day of event, at Zilker Botanical Gardens. <http://www.TourdeHives.org>

Beekeeping Educational Seminar:
Sunday, August 20th
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

\$55 Early Registration by August 18th or **\$65** at the door. Beekeeping 101 Classes for those interested in learning how to get started, what to buy and where, setting up the bee yard, getting & installing your bees, and more!

Beekeeping 201 Advanced track includes a top bar hive session with Les Crowder, mead making, beeswax making, and swarm collection. Schedules & Speakers will be posted on the event website!(Registration includes lunch from Rudy's BBQ or a vegetarian selection; must PRE-PAY)

<http://www.TourdeHives.org>

Travis County Beekeepers Association (TCBA) was founded in 2014 and exists to promote common interest and general welfare of beekeeping, to protect honey bees, to educate beekeepers, encourage good bee management practices, and to encourage good relations between beekeepers and the public. Travis County Beekeepers Association is a non-profit organization serving the beekeeping community in the greater Austin and Travis County areas. Travis County Beekeepers Association is a member of the Texas Beekeepers Association and the Austin Area Garden Council.

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Ava Kirkland, 2017 Youth Scholarship recipient with Travis County Beekeepers, tells Tour de Hives attendees about the honey she is selling from her family's beehives!

*Please note that there is an additional parking/admission fee charged upon entry to the Botanical Gardens by the City of Austin.