

The Bee Line

Pineywoods Beekeepers Association

Next meeting January 11, 2024

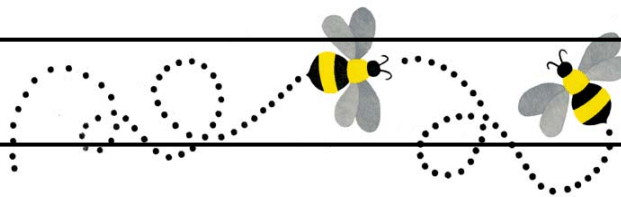
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December Program

We won't have our regular Thursday night meeting, so don't show up at the Chamber of Commerce! It's party time! No speaker this month, just food and fellowship for the holidays, hosted by the Precups. PBA will provide the meat. Members, please bring a side dish or dessert. Other details will be emailed.

Welcome to our Brood!

Roger Gauthier

What's Buzzing

2024 Bee School

We have confirmed dates and plans are underway for our 2024 Bee School. Classroom days will be February 17th and 24th and bee yard day will be March 2nd.

Do Bees Sleep? The short answer is "yes." To learn more – where, when, and for how long – check out this article that Walter McLendon shared. <https://carolinahoneybees.com/do-bees-sleep/>

At-Home Beekeeping Series presented by the Lawrence Co. Alabama Extension Office. 6:30-7:30pm. Recordings from this series are available **for only two weeks** after each session on the Lawrence County Alabama Extension Office Facebook page. <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/bees-pollinators/at-home-beekeeping-series/>

2024 Dates and Topics

January 30 – Tropilaelaps Monitoring and Management

Rogan Tokach, Auburn University

February 27 – TBD

Esmaeil Amiri, Mississippi State University

March 26 – TBD

Cameron Jack, University of Florida

April 30 – Swarming: Biology and Management

Jon Zawislak, University of Arkansas

May 28 – TBD

David Tarpy, North Carolina State University

June 25 – TBD

Liz Walsh, USDA-ARS Baton Rouge

Seasonal Tips

Robert Jones

December, like November, should be a time of rest and relaxation because the time for the new bee season comes January 1st. Remember early in this month to make arrangements for queens and new colonies. Look at your successes and failures for the past year. Work on repeating the things you were successful at and try to remember the lessons you were taught by the failures you had. You don't want to repeat those. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Comb-Grown Goodness

Easy Healthy 3-Ingredient Fudge

<https://www.thriftyfrugalmom.com/recipe-easy-3-ingredient-healthy-fudge/>

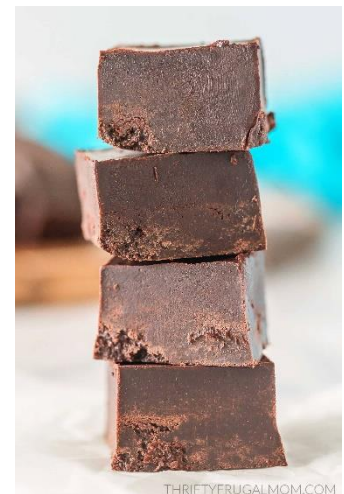
1 c coconut oil

$\frac{3}{4}$ c honey

1 c cocoa powder

Melt coconut oil. Add the honey and cocoa powder and using a whisk, stir together until thoroughly combined. Pour into a parchment paper lined pan and chill in the fridge or freezer until firm. (A 9x5 loaf is the perfect size). Once firm, cut into 1 in. square pieces and enjoy. Store in fridge.

Variations: Add $\frac{1}{4}$ vanilla extract, 2-3 drops peppermint extract, orange zest, or $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. sea salt to the fudge. You can also sprinkle some nuts or coconut flakes on the top as well.



Honey Eggnog

<https://farmerowned.com/featuredRecipe/358/Honey-Eggnog/>

$\frac{1}{4}$ c honey

4 eggs, beaten

4 c milk

1 t vanilla

Dash nutmeg

Combine honey with eggs and mix well. Beat in milk and vanilla. Sprinkle with nutmeg.

