

Beezette

May 2019



Warren County Ohio Beekeepers
Meeting at Lebanon Presbyterian Church
123 East Street, Lebanon, OH 45036

<https://warren.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/WarrenCountyBeekeepersAssociation>

NEXT MEETING

Board meeting open to members tomorrow Sunday May 5, 2019 at 1:30 at Lebanon Presbyterian Church.

No club meeting in May. We celebrate Mother's Day!

MEMBERSHIP

Only those who are paid members may ask to be included on the website map and swarm list. If you are unsure if you paid for 2019, please contact Treasurer Keith Mealy. You can do so through the contact button on the website.

If you have paid and want to have your name listed on online on the map and list, please fill out the request online so we have a record of your permission to post your contact information. We have a new website and need to have new request form filled out.

Dues are \$20/individual and \$25/family per calendar year.

CLUB NEWS

- The winner of the WCOB 2019 4H scholarship is Cooper Schmidt! We look forward to his participation in the Warren Co Fair and hearing his summary at a future club meeting.
- We thank Jamie Walters from OSBA Traveling Speaker Program for sharing his experience and insight on Hobbyist Queen Rearing at our April meeting.

What to do during May

- Swarm season has begun with many captured already. While we don't like our hives to swarm, especially those who have close neighbors, a swarming hive means a healthy robust hive. Swarming will be especially prevalent through nectar flow, so keep an eye out for swarm cells and be ready to implement your plan to prevent swarming or to watch for and capture them. Swarm traps are a great idea!
- If you haven't done so already, test for varroa. The OSBA's varroa threshold for May-July is 14 mites per 300 bees (approximately 1/2 cup). Looking for options on how to treat? Go to <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa>.
- With the mild winter, small hive beetles have a jump start on the 2019 season. Be mindful and ready to employ your choices of trapping and exclusion to protect your bees.

Do you have an announcement you want to include in the Beezette or a topic you'd like to hear covered at one of our meetings? Let us know! Contact Alice Craig at warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com or find us on FB.

