

How to Give a 30 Minute Talk About Your Bees and Beekeeping Outline

This is just a brief method to outline some key points for a personal presentation to your neighbors:

- 1) What got you interested in beekeeping
- 2) How you actually started
- 3) How many hives – ups and down. What you find most interesting about colonies and bees.
- 4) Parts of the bee box
- 5) The general life cycle of bee
 - a. Live six weeks
 - b. Generally, bees go through work cycles of nurse bees, housekeeping bees, coroners, and foragers.
 - c. Read or highlight some of the key points in the **Honey Bee FAQ** materials that you particularly find interesting – how far they forage, feeding, nutrition, honey bee health, native bees, - anything that particularly speaks to you.
 - d. Share your own discovery of what your bees enjoy in your neighborhood – for mid-town Fort Collins, it is crocuses in the spring to purple asters and sunflowers until October and flora in between.
 - e. What the “flow”
 - f. When to expect honey – if at all
- 6) Briefly discuss swarm season – reference the Swarm Season handout
- 7) Four important things non-beekeepers can do to help
 - a. Limit pesticide use
 - b. Plant seasonal and native plants and flowering trees
 - c. Don't be afraid (unless allergic)
 - d. Know the Swarm Hotline number - (**Swarm Hotline 970-658-4949**)
- 8) Give honey samples if you have them available
- 9) Ask them to be your bee-partner
- 10) Take questions

Voila! You are done in 30 minutes!

Helpful Tips

Give yourself time to set up your presentation area – seats, safety, handouts, etc.

Have someone to help and take pictures!

Be yourself and have fun! Everyone wants to know something about bees. You are the gateway to helping neighbors and neighborhoods to become and sustain a bee-friendly neighborhood.