

# BUILD YOUR OWN TOP-BAR BEE HIVE!!!



## WHY A “TOP-BAR” HIVE?

Because a top-bar beehive has some important features that help bees to be bees in a healthy and sustainable way. We’ve all been hearing about the frightening problems that honeybees have been experiencing – now you can help turn this trend around!

One of the best features of a top-bar hive is that a top-bar hive allows bees to make their own wax – which means they can make it in the way it needs to be made – and make the honeycomb cells in the size that they need them to be. One size does NOT fit all!!! This is important for combating varroa mite infestations, and other diseases that have been affecting the honeybee.

Attend this class and build your own hive. Learn about keeping bees in a top-bar hive, in comparison to “conventional” beekeeping methods.

**What: BUILD YOUR OWN TOP-BAR BEE HIVE!**

**When:** Saturday, May 10, 2008 – from 10am to 2pm

**Where:** 1369 Washington Street -- in Bath, Maine 04530

**Who:** GOLD STAR HONEYBEES Beekeeping Service and YOU

[www.goldstarhoneybees.com](http://www.goldstarhoneybees.com)

**How:** By calling **207-449-1121** to make your reservation.

We will be assembling the hives and talking about healthy honeybees.

All assembly work will be done with hand tools.

**How much:** There is a \$100 fee to cover the hive kit materials.

**What else?** Your fee **must** be received by Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, in order for your hive kit to be available. The class size is limited by necessity -- so reserve soon!

**Note:** Bees to populate your top-bar hive are **NOT** included as part of this class, but we will do our best to help you connect with a source for bees.



**GOLD STAR HONEYBEES**

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**IT’S NOT ABOUT THE HONEY, HONEY!!!  
IT’S ABOUT THE BEES!!!**

**GOLD STAR HONEYBEES is a Beekeeping Service dedicated to raising healthy honeybees.**

**For more information, call 207-449-1121 or visit [www.goldstarhoneybees.com](http://www.goldstarhoneybees.com) !**

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