

## About EFBA

The Elm Fork Beekeepers Association (EFBA) a 501c3 nonprofit educational association was first called to order in March 2018 by Jan Hodson, with the goal of creating an organization for area beekeepers to meet, talk about bees, find advice, and educate each other and the community.

### Our Name:

Elm Fork Beekeepers Association is named after the Elm Fork of the Trinity River that runs through Montague, Cooke, and Denton Counties on its way to Dallas County where it joins the West Fork. It is a symbol of how we want EFBA to grow with tributaries from multiple areas into a strong group of individuals sharing in the same interest, bees.

Our members range from “new bees” that haven’t started their apiary to seasoned beekeepers with years of experience and every stage in between.

Since that March we’ve had many great speakers, questions & answer sessions, demonstrations and classes and expect to have many more as we continue to grow and educate our community. We look forward to

meeting new bee enthusiasts and growing as a community together!

### Mission Statement

To share information and provide education to our members and community about bees and beekeeping. To promote responsible beekeeping practices, through training and education, resulting in effective management of diseases, pests, and other environmental issues.

### Membership Perks

- A community of people passionate about bees and beekeeping
- Monthly colony management tips
- Monthly nectar plant spotlight
- Monthly tips and tools, ideas and information
- Free membership to the Texas Beekeeping Association (TBA) for new members
- Mentor/mentee program
- Youth Ambassador Scholarship program (ages 11-18)
- Members forum online
- Social Media
- Great guest speakers and presentations
- Honey Extraction Party

- Holiday Party
- Yearly formal beekeeping classes

### How to Become a Member

1. Fill out the membership form
2. Pay the \$25 annual dues (member year runs from July – June).
3. Come to meetings and have a blast!

### Online and Social Media

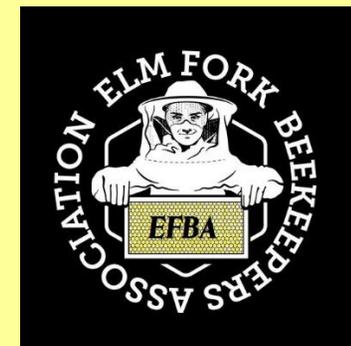
Facebook: Elm Fork Beekeepers

Online: [ElmForkBeekeepers.org](http://ElmForkBeekeepers.org)

### Meeting Information

Meetings are the Third Thursday of every month, sign in and social starts at 6 pm, meeting 6:30 pm. We meet at the VFW Hall located at:

3332 North Grand Ave, Gainesville, TX



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## Beekeeping Classes

EFBA offers a three-session 9am to 3 pm, 15 hour beekeeping class Saturdays In January, February, and March each year. The class is \$100 and it covers topics such as bee biology, standard equipment, choosing the best hive location, pests and diseases, installing a package or nucleus of bees, first year hive management, second year on going hive management, harvest, legal, licenses, labeling, combines, splits, simple queen rearing, and preparing to market hive products. They are perfect for anyone who is interested in getting their first hives.

## Advocacy Prohibition

The EFBA mission is to be an educational association. No part of the activities of EFBA shall be devoted to advocacy, lobbying, politically or privately promoting issues, agendas, businesses or personal endeavors, by propaganda or otherwise, using the EFBA name or themselves as a EFBA member.

## Our Board:

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