

From the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) President:

Hello CIBA members!!

Our summer field day will be here in only a few short weeks (Sat. July 22). It is the fourth Saturday of this month, which is unusual since our meetings are normally on the third Saturday. We needed to move the date since our venue was already booked on our normal Saturday.

I want to make sure that everyone has it on their calendar as it promises to be one of our better field days. Our field days offer an opportunity to be one-on-one with our presenters. The morning presentations are in a format that allows a good conversation with EXPERTS along with actual live hives with a hands-on show and tell. Come with the level of bee suits/protection you are comfortable with--you' are going to be with the bees! The afternoon will be inside in air-conditioned comfort.

One aspect of our field days and all of our meetings is a chance to converse with other beekeepers. We do allow time in the breaks and during lunch to do this. This is sooooo important for me and I know it is for all of our members.

Please review the line-up of speakers and their bios on our website ([CIBA Field Day 2023 | Mysite \(centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org\)](https://centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org))

There are two huge advantages to our field day that are different. The first is that the entire day is FREE to anyone that wants to come. Bring a guest, they do not even need to be a member. Of course, we encourage nonmembers to join. Second, this does include lunch!! Wow -- a free lunch.

We can do this since our Winter Seminar was such a huge success and our members have been generous in their donations. We are a non-profit, so this is in keeping with that goal in mind.

The other huge advantage is that it is at the beautiful Iowa Arboretum and Gardens. The Arboretum has 40 acres of manicured gardens along with displays of all kinds of trees and shrubs. In addition to this you will see first-hand the construction of the Arboretum's "Treehouse Village" across from the main campus. This is a several million-dollar addition to the Arboretum that will open to the public for use next spring. But it is at a stage where you see the potential of getting kids up into trees!! Parking may be a little limited due to the construction taking up the overflow parking lot, so please feel free to park along the road if the main parking lot is full.

You not only will be able to have a full day of learning about bees for free but then you can see the beautiful Iowa Arboretum. What an opportunity!! This is all provided to you by your CIBA.

Finally, attached is this year's CIBA Membership Directory. It includes all the 2023 CIBA members who indicated they would share their information with other CIBA members. The Directory goes only to members. Is not on the CIBA web pages, shared with nonmembers or used for any other purpose. If you find errors in your name, address, email or phone number please let CIBA know. If your apiary information is not correct or up to date, please correct that when you renew next year. I hope you will use the directory to reach out to other members.

See ya at the Summer Field day!

Your President

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