

Illinois State Beekeepers Association 2025 Summer Conference



Saturday, Aug 16 from 8 am to 5 pm (or later)

at Meyer Bees, 2021 Holt Road, Minooka, IL • www.meyerbees.com

The ISBA 2025 Summer Conference is just a couple months away! This will be an outdoor event with many hands on activities planned. Be prepared to do some walking between the parking area, speaker tents, food building and other activities. Wear comfortable shoes and cool clothing as there will be fans but no air-conditioning available. Bring bug repellent, sunscreen and bee protective gear if participating in bee events.

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- Check-in / Breakfast Snack
- Welcome Announcements
- Smoker Competition
- Hives for Heroes
- Current Beekeeping Tips & Tasks
- Tour of the Meyer Bees Apiary
- The Bee Line
- Bee Beard Demonstration
- Lunch & Snacks
- Resources: Driftwatch, IL State Inspectors
- Swarm Demonstration
- American Beekeeping Federation
- Is My Apiary a "Super Superorganism" ?
- Sustainable Beekeeping & Monitoring Techniques
- Raffle Drawings, 50/50 Prize and Announcements

Additional Evening Activities:
bonfire, bags, hamburgers / hot dogs / drinks, chat about bees, etc.



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SMOKER COMPETITION

- Bring your 4" x 7" or smaller smoker
- Use your best starter / smoker material, 5 minutes to light smokers
- Hands off your smoker once the competition starts and until it ends
- Smoker that is 'alive/smokin' the longest wins, judge's rulings are final
- Smokers will be puffed by judges at random intervals, shaken, rotated, flipped upside down, etc during checks

BEE BEARD DEMONSTRATION



RAFFLE

Raffle items below will be added as overall raffle tickets sold increase. Winners have option to take the prize or Meyer Bees store \$\$ coupon

- Full Hive Setup @ \$375 value / \$325 coupon
- Single Deep Setup @ \$150 / \$125 coupon
- Beekeeper Jacket @ \$90 value / \$75 coupon
- Large Smoker @ \$55 value / \$45 coupon
- Leather Gloves @ \$27 value / \$20 coupon
- Formic Pro 2pk @ \$20 value / \$15 coupon
- Hive Tools @ \$13 value / \$10 coupon



Multiple Hotels
Within 2 to 5 Miles
Pricing Starts \$79

50/50
\$\$ PRIZE



RSVP through this website link by Friday, July 31st

<https://meyerbees.com/isba2025summer>

the website will be updated as the event schedule is finalized

