

Discussions about beekeeping in the Thunder Bay area happen on the Thunder Bay Beekeepers' Association facebook page. It's a venue that we don't have to pay for! Since we only have 4 meetings a year, we use facebook to chat regularly about our bees.



It is a great option for people learning about beekeeping, as there are a number of experienced beekeepers who are willing to share their knowledge. As well, it's just a great place to see what other beekeepers are doing in their yards and sharing information that might be helpful to you.

There are NINETY-FIVE people in the group. This is where the day-to-day beekeeping discussions are happening!

You can create a facebook page without exposing yourself to the world. Don't add information that will identify you – where you went to school, what you like, blah, blah, blah. You can even use a different name! Just create an account for yourself with minimal information and then, join the Thunder Bay Beekeepers' Association group.

If you don't have a Facebook account, you can sign up for one in a few easy steps. To sign up for a brand new account, enter your information into the form on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). Then pick a password. After you complete the sign up form, facebook will send an email to the address you provided. Just click the confirmation link to complete the sign up process.

In your account, in the upper right corner, is an icon for settings. Choose the privacy settings that are appropriate for you.

To join the beekeepers' group, at the top of the screen, search for Thunder Bay Beekeepers' Association. (Alternatively, you could click on the facebook link on the Thunder Bay Beekeepers' Association website) Click on "Join Group" in the upper-right corner of the group's page. You will have to wait for the group admin (Randy Creighton) to approve your request. Or, you can also be added by someone who is already a member.

Discussions in the past month have included:

- When and what to feed, with links to recipes
- When to open the hives
- Breeds of bees
- Gardening for bees
- Green drone cone (a bulk purchase was arranged through this posting)
- Links to interesting information on beekeeping
- Info about the Thunder Bay Beekeepers' Association (membership, Nominating Committee)
- A mouse in the hive! What to do ....
- Nucs & hives available in the spring

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beekeeping discussions  
are happening!