

# Organic Beekeeping Workshop

with Ross Conrad

May 22-23, 2010  
Rise Up Farm - Elkhart, IN

**A two-day intensive workshop focused on natural/organic approaches to beekeeping, apiculture, and apitherapy.**

(A beginner's session will take place from 9am-12pm on Saturday morning to prepare those with little or no experience for the rest of the workshop)

**The workshop will be hosted at RISE UP FARM-- a permaculture garden and diversified organic vegetable farm in Elkhart, IN.**

**The workshop will be led by Ross Conrad, author of "Natural Beekeeping" and natural beekeeper of over 20 years.**

**Cost:** (cost in italics for payment postmarked after May 14)

**full workshop:** \$60 (\$65)

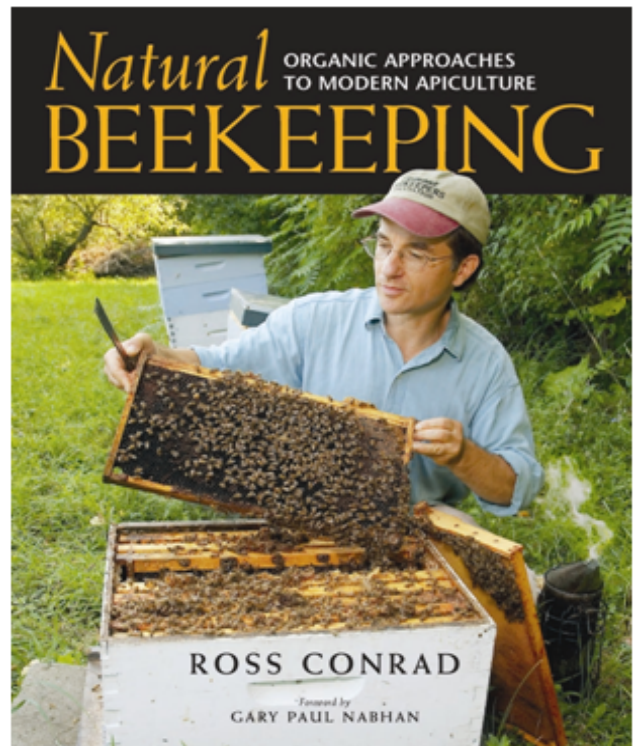
**full workshop (minus beginner's session):** \$50 (\$55)

**one-day:** \$35 (\$40)

**half-day:** \$20 (\$25)

**Meals will not be provided, but you are more than welcome to bring food with you, and there are a variety of restaurant choices nearby. For more information and to register contact Nicole by email at [nicoleocbauman@gmail.com](mailto:nicoleocbauman@gmail.com) or by phone at (574)536-0225**

**Rise Up Farm**  
22600 SR 120  
Elkhart, IN 46516



## Schedule for Saturday, May 22:

9am - Noon - Beginners' session - basics of hive construction, tools, what to wear, types of bees found in a hive and their roles, honey bee biology basics.

1:00pm - Regular Session - Introductions: Workshop participants, Ross (how he got started, personal beekeeping philosophy)

1:30 pm - GCD Discussion - Discussion of Industrial Beekeeping -vs- Organic Approaches

2:30 pm - Break

2:45 pm - Non-toxic Varroa Control - Organic Acids, Essential Oils, Sucroicide, Screen Bottom Boards and dusting, Nucleus Colonies (Natural Tolerance), and Natural Cell Foundation

4:00 pm - Live hive demonstration (weather permitting)

5:30 pm Dinner Break

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Honey bee movie (DVD)

## Schedule for Sunday, May 23:

9:00 am - Diseases and Pests [other than Varroa] - AFB, Nosema, Chalk Brood, Bears, Skunks, Small Hive Beetle, Wax Moths, Mold, Birds, Ants, Mice, etc.)

10:30 am - Break

11:00 am - Hive visit (weather permitting)

12:30 pm - Lunch Break

2:00 pm - Apitherapy - Products from the hive (honey, pollen, propolis, royal jelly, bee venom, beeswax)

4:00 pm Break 4:15 pm - Hive Visit (weather permitting)

5:00 pm - Presentation - Harvesting / Extracting / Overwintering - Question and Answer Session

6:30 pm - End of Workshop