**POLLINATOR CONSERVATION SHORT COURSE – SAMPLE AGENDA**

**Module 1. Introduction**

* Pollination economics and the role of bees in commercial crop production
* Pollination biology
* Colony Collapse Disorder and honey bee industry trends

**Module 2. Basic Bee Biology**

* Bee identification
* Understanding bee life cycles

**Module 3. Bee-Friendly Farming**

* The value of natural habitat
* Reducing pesticide harm
* Protecting nesting sites

**Module 4. Habitat Restoration**

* Habitat design considerations
* Plant selection and seed sources
* Site preparation and planting techniques for wildflowers
* Long-term habitat management

**Module 5.** **Field Laboratory (outdoors)**

* Habitat assessment exercise and land-use discussion
* Examination of live bee specimens, artificial nests, and display materials

**Module 6. USDA Support for Bee Conservation**

* Using Farm Bill programs and practices for bee conservation
* Conservation grants available through the USDA programs
* Conservation case studies

**Module 7.** **Additional Resources**

* Accessing additional technical and financial support