



Practical Beekeeping for Beginners 2016 Classes *Northern Virginia Beekeeping Teaching Consortium (NVBTC)*

The Northern Virginia Beekeeping Teaching Consortium offers **Practical Beekeeping for Beginners**. The classes are intensive, meet once a week for approximately 2 months and are designed primarily to teach people who want to keep bees. Class size is limited and registration usually fills up early. Most classes are open to adults and children (age 10 + accompanied by a paying adult). Books are included in the fee (ranges from \$75 - \$125 per family unit) and includes: Diane Sammataro, *The Beekeepers Handbook (4th ed.)*, Mid Atlantic Apiculture (MAAREC) *Beekeeping Basics & Honey Bee Parasite, Pests, Predators & Diseases* as well as handouts & membership in a local beekeeping association for club affiliated classes. Classes are taught by experienced beekeepers and include information on buying equipment & obtaining bees to start honeybee colonies. PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Beekeeping Association of Northern Virginia (BANV) (Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax)

Two class sessions. Tuesdays Feb. 2nd - March 22 at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA 22042, and Thursdays Feb. 18th – April 7th from 7 to 9 pm. at the St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School (Lower School Campus), 400 Fontaine Street, Alexandria, VA 22302, on Th. from 7 to 9 pm. Details and registration forms will be posted on the BANV website at www.beekeepersnova.org

Beekeepers of Northern Shenandoah (BONS) (Clarke, Frederick, Warren, Fauquier)

Classes Start mid February and there will be more than one class, meeting nights and location TBD.
Contact www.valleybees.org or email johnlewis702@comcast.net

Gateway Beekeepers (King George, Caroline, Westmoreland)

Class meets Tuesday evenings and starts Feb. 2, 2016. *Contact Doug Hancock (540) 850-7018 or doughancock1973@gmail.com or John Snell at (540) 273-0106 or JOHNSnell8@gmail.com*
See also: www.gatewaybeekeepers.org

Heart of Virginia Beekeepers (HOVB) (Prince Edward County / Farmville)

Class is Tuesday nights starting Feb 2. 7:00 - 9:00 pm.
Prince Edward County Extension office, 100 Dominion Dr., Farmville, VA.
Contact Ann Zudekoff at 434-660-6063 or annbeezee@gmail.com

Loudoun Beekeepers Association (LBA) (Loudoun)

Two classes 1) Fridays 7-9 PM and 2) Saturdays 8-10 AM in Leesburg, VA. Classes begin in February. *Contact Bill Bundy at Loudounbee@gmail.com or 703-779-0894. For more info see www.loudounbee.org*

Moonshine Beekeepers Association (MBA) (Franklin County)

Classes start in mid-February. Instructor: Jeff Jenner.
Contact Jeff Jenner at (540) 420-3302 or email Thatbeeguy@hotmail.com

Northern Neck Beekeepers Club (Northumberland, Lancaster, Richmond, Essex, Westmoreland)

Class meetings Monday evenings and starts Feb. 1, 2016. *Contact Almeda McKinney, (804) 580-5694 or amckenne@vt.edu or See: www.nnbeekeepers.com*

Northern Piedmont Beekeepers Association (NPBA) (Culpeper, Rappahannock, Orange, Madison, Fauquier)

Verdun Adventure Bound, 17044 Adventure Bound Trail, Rixeyville, VA. Pre-Registration required. "Meet-and-Greet" Sun. Jan. 31, 2016 from 2-4 pm. Classes begin Tue. Feb. 2nd at 7 pm. Instructor: Ann Harman. *Contact Karen Hunt (540-937-4792) or kahu9@juno.com or see <http://www.npbee.org>*

Northern Virginia Beekeeping Teachers Consortium (NVBTC) (Fairfax, ALL COUNTIES)

Sunday morning class 9-11 am in Centreville, VA starts Feb. 7 2016 Teacher: Bruce Jacobon. *Contact Pat Haskell at 703-560-3484 or email jim.haskell@verizon.net*

OR

Tuesday evening class 7-9 pm in Reston, VA starts in late Feb. Teacher: Todd Harding. *Contact Todd Harding at 703-860-5072 or email: hardingtj2@verizon.net or beesknees.harding6@gmail.com*

Piedmont Beekeepers Association (PBA) (Greater Lynchburg Area)

Meeting room at Lynchburg Old City Cemetery, 400 Taylor Street, Lynchburg. Thursday evenings starting Feb 4th from 7-9pm

Contact Ann Zudekoff at 434-660-6063 or annbeezee@gmail.com

Prince William Regional Beekeepers Association (PWRBA) (Prince William, Fauquier, Stafford)

Manassas Church of the Brethren, 10047 Nokesville Road (Rt. 28), Manassas, VA. Classes start in mid-January, 2016 on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm. Open house and class applications accepted on Sun. Nov. 22nd, 2014 from 1-3 pm at the same location. See <http://www.PWRBeekeepers.com>

Contact Lynne Hewitt (703) 994-1769. Email BeeSchool@PWRBeekeepers.com

Rappahannock Area Beekeepers Association (RABA) (Spotsylvania, Stafford)

Ray Simms Conference Room - Spotsylvania County Extension 8800 Courthouse Rd. Spotsylvania, VA 22553.

Class starts Thursday, Feb. 3rd, 2016. Instructor: Kim Fraser. Location:

<http://offices.ext.vt.edu/spotsylvania/programs/anr/index.html>

Contact Kim Fraser (540-785-8769) PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE or ubbuny@aol.com

See: www.rappahannockbeekeepers.com/

West Virginia Eastern Panhandle Beekeepers Association (WVEPBA) (Eastern Panhandle, West Virginia)

Classes start February. *Contact: Charles Walters, (304) -616 -9487, [See: www.wvepba.org](http://www.wvepba.org)*

Woodstock (Shenandoah County)

Woodstock, Va. Classes start Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016.

Contact: Brenda Kiessling at 703-938-9389 or 571-213-5006. Email: brendakiessling@yahoo.com