



Practical Beekeeping for Beginners 2017 Classes Northern Virginia Beekeeping Teaching Consortium (NVBTC)

The Northern Virginia Beekeeping Teaching Consortium is offering *Practical Beekeeping for Beginners*. The class is intensive, meets once a week for approximately 2 months and is designed primarily for people who want to keep bees. Class size is limited and registration usually fills up early. Classes are open to adults and children (age 10 + accompanied by a paying adult). Books include: Diana Sammartaro, *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 IS REQUIRED

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)

Classes meet Tuesday evenings and starts 7 February 2017, King George Citizen Center
Contact Doug Hancock (540) 850-7018 or doughancock1973@gmail.com or Anna Shimko, pawlowski.anna@gmail.com See also: www.gatewaybeekeepers.org

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

Classes meet Tuesday nights starting February 7 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 Feb,
Contact Bill Bundy at Loudounbee@gmail.com or 703-779-0894. See: www.loudounbee.org

Madison County VA Classes meet Wednesday evenings starting March 1st. 6:30 p.m. Contact Shirley Ammon (540) 923-5075 or skammon@aol.com

Moonshine Beekeepers Association (MBA) (Franklin County)

Classes start in mid-February at the Franklin Center, Rocky Mount, VA. Instructor: Jeff Jenner.
Contact Jeff Jenner at (540) 420-3302 or email Thatbeeguy@hotmail.com

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

Classes meet Monday evenings starting Feb. 6, 2017 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. 29, 2017 from 2-4 pm. Classes begin Tue. Jan 31st at 7 pm.

Instructor: Ann Harman.

Contact Karen Hunt (540-937-4792) or kahu9@juno.com or see www.npbee.org

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

CENTREVILLE LOCATION Monday evening classes meet at Centreville High School, Centreville, VA starting February 6, 2017. Teacher: Bruce Jackabon.

Contact Bruce Jackabon at 703-455-0717 or email bnjack87@verizon.net

RESTON LOCATION Thursday evening classes meet 7-9 pm at Hughes Middle School in Reston, VA starting February 16, 2017. Teacher: Todd Harding.

Contact Todd Harding at 703-860-5072 or email harding.toddd3@gmail.com

Piedmont Beekeepers Association (PBA) (Greater Lynchburg Area)

Classes meet Thursday evenings starting Feb 2 from 7-9pm, Timberlake Christian Church, 20261 Lynchburg Hwy, (Rte 460), Lynchburg.

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

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

Classes meet Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm at the Manassas Church of the Brethren, 10047 Nokesville Road (Rt. 28), Manassas, VA starting mid-January, 2017. Bee School open house will be on Saturday Sat. November. 19th, 2016 and class applications accepted from 1-3 pm at the same location. See:

<http://pwrbeekeepers.com/education/pwrba-bee-school/>

Contact Louise Edsall, PWRBA Bee School Principal at 703-987-8172 or Tracy Williamson via Email at BeeSchool@PWRBeekeepers.com

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

Class starts Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 2017 at the Ray Simms Conference Room - Spotsylvania County Extension 8800 Courthouse Rd. Spotsylvania, VA 22553. Instructor: Kim Fraser. For more info go to: <http://offices.ext.vt.edu/spotsylvania/programs/anr/index.html>

Contact Kim Fraser ubbuny@aol.com See: www.rappahannockbeekeepers.com/

Shenandoah County Beekeepers (Woodstock)

Classes start Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 at 1 pm at French Brothers Dairy Barn Meeting Room, Water Street Woodstock, VA.

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