



Practical Beekeeping for Beginners 2018 Classes Virginia Beekeeping Teaching Consortium (VBTC)

The Virginia Beekeeping Teaching Consortium (VBTA) 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 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 IS REQUIRED

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

Classes Start mid-February 2018 and there will be more than one class, meeting nights and location TBD. Contact www.valleybees.org or email johnlewis702@comcast.net

Fairfax Area Either a Monday evening or a Sunday morning class beginning late January 2018. Location TBD. Contact Bruce Jackabon at 703-455-0717 or email bnjack87@verizon.net

Gateway Beekeepers (King George, Caroline, Westmoreland)

Classes meet Tuesday evenings and starts February going through March 2018 at the King George Community Center. Teachers are Mike Church, Doug Hancock, Kelley Gaske, Paul Haughton.

Contact Doug Hancock (540) 850-7018 or doughancock1973@gmail.com or Kathy Lehman at katlehman49@verizon.net See also: www.gatewaybeekeepers.org

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, 2018.

Contact Bill Bundy at Loudounbee@gmail.com or 703-779-0894. See: www.loudounbee.org

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. Feb. 4, 2018 from 2-4 pm. Classes begin Tue. Feb. 6th at 7pm. Instructor: Ann Harman.

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

Piedmont Beekeepers Association (PBA) (Greater Lynchburg Area)

Classes meet Thursday evenings starting Feb 2 from 7-9pm, Location TBD, Lynchburg.

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

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

Classes nights are Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm at the Manassas Church of the Brethren, 10047 Nokesville Road (Rt. 28), Manassas, VA starting mid-January, 2018. Bee School open house will be on Saturday, November. 18th, 2017 from 1-3 pm and class applications accepted.

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

Contact Chris Mayes, PWRBA Bee School Principal at 703-851-8830 or

Tracy Williamson, registrar via Email at BeeSchool@PWRBeekeepers.com

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

Class starts Wednesday, Feb. 7th, 2018 at the Snow Library in Spotsylvania, VA.

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

Shenandoah County Beekeepers (Woodstock)

Classes start Saturday in Feb. , 2018 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.

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