



Practical Beekeeping for Beginners 2019 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 2019 and there will be several class sessions in various locations. Meeting nights and location TBD.

Contact <http://www.valleybees.org> or email johnlewis702@comcast.net

Fairfax Area Beekeepers Classes Tuesday evenings starting Feb 5th, 2019 at South Lakes High School, Reston. Visit <http://www.fairfaxbees.org>

Contact Nate Mueller at nmullerbees@gmail.com or (571) 245-2311

Gateway Beekeepers (King George, Caroline, Westmoreland)

Classes meet Tuesday evenings and starts February 5th going through March 2019 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)

Classes are either Friday evening 7-9pm or Saturday mornings 8-10am at Patrick Henry College, Purcellville beginning mid-February, 2019. Visit <http://www.loudounbee.org/> for registration information

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

Class Monday evenings starting the first Monday in February. See: www.nnbeekeepers.com

Contact Fran King at queenking@grovemount.net (225) 788- 2799

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. 3, 2019 from 2-4 pm. Classes begin Tue. Feb. 5th at 7pm. Instructor: Ann Harman.

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

Peaks of Otter Beekeepers (POB) (greater Bedford Area)

Classes start Tue. Feb. 5th 6:30-8:30pm at Bedford County Administration Building 122 E. Main Street, Bedford

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

Piedmont Beekeepers Association (PBA) (Greater Lynchburg Area)

Classes will be Thursday 7-9 pm starting Feb. 7, 2019 at Lynchburg Public Works, 1700 Memorial Avenue, Lynchburg.

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

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

Classes Tuesday evenings 7-9 pm at the Manassas Church of the Brethren, 10047 Nokesville Road (Rt. 28), Manassas, VA starting mid-January, 2019. Bee School open house Sat. Nov. 10th, 2018 at 1-3 pm. Class applications: <http://pwrbeekeepers.com/education/application-process/>

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. 6th, 2019 at the Ray Simms Conference Room, 8800 Courthouse Road Spotsylvania, VA. Instructor: Kim Fraser.

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

Rockwood Park Backyard Beekeepers

Classes start Feb 16th and meet over 4 weekend days at Rockwood Park Nature Center, Richmond, VA. See <https://rockwoodbeekeepers.com/>

Shenandoah County Beekeepers (Woodstock)

Classes start in Feb., 2019 at 222 North Water Street, Woodstock, VA.

Contact: Brenda Kiessling at 703-938-9389 or 571-213-5006.

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