



## PRACTICAL BEEKEEPING FOR BEGINNERS 2022 CLASSES VIRGINIA BEEKEEPING TEACHING CONSORTIUM (VBTC)

The Virginia Beekeeping Teaching Consortium (VBTC) offers *Practical Beekeeping for Beginners*. The class is intensive, most meet once a week for about 2 months and are 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 (5th 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. Price set by each association. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** *All 2022 students registered with a Consortium class are welcome to make up classes in advance or arrears at any participating association.*

### **Ashland Beekeepers Association (ABA) (Hanover, Henrico, Caroline, King William)**

Classes begin Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup> and meet every other week at First Baptist Church, 800 Thompson St. Ashland, Virginia. See <http://ashlandvabeekeepers.org/> for registration. Contact [class@ashlandvabeekeepers.org](mailto:class@ashlandvabeekeepers.org)

### **Botetourt and Blue Ridge Beekeepers Associations**

Class meets every other Saturday from 1-5 p.m. starting Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. For info see Facebook: Botetourt and Blue Ridge Beekeeping Course or email [RudyTaylorBees@gmail.com](mailto:RudyTaylorBees@gmail.com)

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

Classes Start late January 2022 and there will be several class sessions in various locations TBD. Contact <http://www.valleybees.org> or email [johnlewis702@comcast.net](mailto:johnlewis702@comcast.net)

**Fairfax Area Beekeepers** No class in 2022. Contact <http://www.fairfaxbees.org>

### **Gateway Beekeepers (King George, Caroline, Westmoreland)**

Classes meet Tuesday evenings and starts February 1st 2022 6:30-9:00 pm at the King George Community Center. Contact Doug Hancock (540) 850-7018 or [doughancock1973@gmail.com](mailto:doughancock1973@gmail.com) or Kathy Lehman at [katilehman49@verizon.net](mailto:katilehman49@verizon.net) See also: [www.gatewaybeekeepers.org](http://www.gatewaybeekeepers.org)

### **Huguenot Beekeepers (HBA)**

Classes start Jan. 29th and meet every other Saturday through March 12th at the Powhatan Village Building Auditorium 3910 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan, VA 23139. Sign up via <https://huguenotbeekeepers.org> For more info contact John Davis [Johndavisv29@gmail.com](mailto:Johndavisv29@gmail.com)

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

Class starts January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm. Contact Nancy at [nburgess@nucps.net](mailto:nburgess@nucps.net) or at 804 366-6649 See: [www.nnbeekeepers.com](http://www.nnbeekeepers.com)

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

No class in 2022. Contact Karen Hunt (540-937-4792) or [www.npbee.org](http://www.npbee.org)

**Peaks of Otter Beekeepers (POB -- Greater Bedford Area)**

Classes will be on Tuesdays starting Feb. 1st, 2022. 7:00-9:00pm at Bedford County Cooperative Extension Office 1257 County Farm Rd. Bedford. Contact Ann Zudekoff at 434-660-6063 or [annbeezee@gmail.com](mailto:annbeezee@gmail.com)

**Piedmont Beekeepers Association (PBA -- Greater Lynchburg Area)**

Classes will be on Thursdays starting Feb. 10th, 2022. 7:00-9:00 pm Centenary UMC 1501 Rivermont Ave, Lynchburg. Contact Ann Zudekoff at 434-660-6063 or [annbeezee@gmail.com](mailto:annbeezee@gmail.com)

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

Classes Thursday evenings 7-9 pm at the Manassas Church of the Brethren, 10047 Nokesville Road (Rt. 28), Manassas, VA starting mid-January, 2022. Contact Chris Mayes, PWRBA Bee School Principal at 703-851-8830 at [BeeSchool@PWRBeekeepers.com](mailto:BeeSchool@PWRBeekeepers.com)

**Rappahannock Area Beekeepers Association (RABA) (Spotsylvania, Stafford)** Class starts Wed., Feb. 2nd, 2022 at the Ray Simms Conference Room, 8800 Courthouse Road Spotsylvania, VA. Instructor: Kim Fraser. Contact Kim Fraser [ubbuny@aol.com](mailto:ubbuny@aol.com) See: <https://rbahoneybees.wixsite.com/rappahannockbees>

**Rockwood Park Backyard Beekeepers Association (RPBBA)**

Classes start Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> and meet every other Saturday through March 5th at the Rockwood Park Nature Center, Richmond, VA. Sign up via <https://rockwoodbeekeepers.com/> Contact John Davis at 804-314-5073 or [johndavisiv29@gmail.com](mailto:johndavisiv29@gmail.com) for more info.

**Shenandoah County Beekeepers (Woodstock)**

Classes start January 18, 2022 at 135 N. Main St. Woodstock, VA. Contact: Scott Currie, 540-325-5202 or [sscurrie@yahoo.com](mailto:sscurrie@yahoo.com)