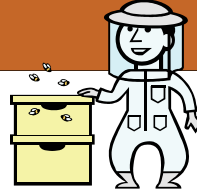


15th ANNUAL LORAIN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION 2010 BEGINNER BEEKEEPING CLASSES

www.loraincountybeekeepers.org



Location: First United Methodist Church - 45 S. Professor St. Oberlin, OH

DETAILS: Cost of the class is \$45.00 and includes a year membership in L.C.B.A. & a monthly newsletter. Your spouse and children are included in the membership and can attend the classes. A beekeeping book will be available for an additional fee. There is a detailed itinerary of the topics to be discussed at each class listed below.

There will also be a hands on "FIELD DAY" to complete these classes. It will be held on Saturday, MAY 8th. RAIN OR SHINE at 10:00 A.M. at the home Apiary of DENZIL ST. CLAIR, 43655 ST. RT. 162, SPENCER OH. Experienced beekeepers will take you into an actual beehive and give you the chance to apply the information you learned in the class. Year round mentoring is given by members of L.C.B.A. to help you with any questions or problems you might have. If you are interested in these classes, visit our web site

www.loraincountybeekeepers.org and you will find an enrollment form. You can also sign up the first night of class. Other contact information listed on web site.

CLASS ITINERARY & TOPICS

WEEK ONE: March 5 @ 7:00 p.m. - Valerie Weiss

Introduction and Preliminaries:

- A) How and when to start
(Package bee installation)
- B) Equipment needed, Tools of the trade and cost
- C) Where and when to acquire
- D) Who can keep bees and be a beekeeper
- E) What are the requirements? Time, Space, etc.
- F) Legal and zoning considerations
- G) Public Relations

WEEK TWO: March 12 @ 7:00 P.M. - Rick Crispin

Setting up and getting started:

- A) Selecting a good location
- B) Management Practices
 - 1. Dress Code
 - 2. Use of equipment (smoker, hive tool etc.)
 - 3. Time of day - weather conditions
- C) Feeding bees
- D) Adding boxes; how to draw bees into equipment
- E) Avoiding the inevitable bee sting

If weather is questionable, check web site for possible changes;

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WEEK THREE: March 19 @ 7:00P.M. - Daryl Baker

Bee Diseases and Pests:

- A) Varroa Mites
- B) Tracheal Mites
- C) Small Hive Beetles
- D) American Foulbrood
- E) European Foulbrood
- F) Nosema
- G) Skunks and Mice
- H) Africanized Honey Bees
- H) Vandalism
- I) Medications

WEEK FOUR: March 26 @ 7:00 P.M. - Denzil St. Clair

Overview, Planning and Hindsight: Basic Biology 101

- A) Wrapping it up
- B) Apiary Registration
- C) Spring to fall management
- D) Advantages of staying in touch with LCBA
- E) Mentoring (911)
- F) Field Day May 8 schedule of Events

FALL FOLLOW UP CLASS:

September 10 @ 7:00 P.M. Speaker to be announced

- A) Your first year of beekeeping
- B) Over wintering you bees
- C) Spring Management

Classes average 1 ½ to 2 hours