



Alberta Beekeeping Education & Extension Sources

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Bee-Ginners Beekeeping Short Course

This course is for beginner (wanna be(e)keepers). This is a 2 day course that focuses on the biology and management of honey bees in Alberta. Based on this knowledge, students will learn the practical aspects of purchasing bees, assembling equipment, seasonal management through the year ensuring colony survival through winter, pest and disease management, and production, harvesting, extracting, bottling, and selling of honey. It includes hands on sessions that will train students in how to become active beekeepers.

This course is for beginning beekeepers only. If you have kept bees before, please enroll in the Intermediate Beekeeping Short course.

The registration fee is \$148.41 per person including a Beekeeping in Western Canada textbook and Bee Pests and Diseases Booklet, lunch for both days and GST. If you have the Beekeeping in Western Canada textbook, the registration fee is \$123.41. This course is very popular and enrollment is limited, so early registration is recommended.

Register early! Class size is limited to only 35 participants.

Locations:

Airdrie (New Location)

Dates: May 3 and 4, 2013 (8:30 am-4:30pm)

Address: Airdrie Agricultural Building (Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development)
97 East Lake Ramp NE, Airdrie

To register for the Airdrie course contact the Ag-Info Centre Toll-free in Alberta: 1-800-387-6030.

Final date for registration is April 29, 2013

Edmonton

Dates: May 10 and 11, 2013 (8:30am-4:30pm)

Address: Crop Diversification Centre North
17507 Fort Road NW, Edmonton

To register for the Edmonton course contact the Ag-Info Centre Toll-free in Alberta: 1-800-387-6030.

Final date for registration is May 6, 2013

Intermediate Beekeeping Short Course

This one day advanced course is designed as the next step for beekeepers that have a basic understanding of beekeeping and have kept honey bees for at least one full year. It focuses on reviewing the strength and weakness of honey bees through the seasons. It also includes improvement of management practices for swarming control, making nuclei (splitting colonies), feeding, and wintering. The participants will also learn about pest diagnoses and decision making of what to do and why for pest management based on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles. Production of quality honey that meets consumers' expectations is discussed.

It is not mandatory but strongly recommended that participants take our **Bee-ginners Beekeeping** class first and have kept bees for at least one year. General beekeeping and basic understanding of the biology of honey bees will not be covered. Lunch and a book included in the registration fee.

**The registration fee is \$21.00 (Including GST) Please make cheque payable to
Beekeepers Commission of Alberta**

Register early! Class size is limited to only 30 participants per location.

Locations:

Calgary

Date: March 16, 2013 (9:00 am- 4:00pm)

Address: Executive Royal Hotel - North Calgary
2828 23rd Street NE, Calgary, Alberta

To register for the Calgary workshop contact Bruce Aitken by phone at 403-265-5861, Toll free at 1-800-830-5861 or by email at bees@nucleus.com

Please note registration in advance is required

Final day for registration is March 11, 2013

Edmonton

Date: March 23, 2013 (9:00 am- 4:00pm)

Address: Crop Diversification Centre North
17507 Fort Road NW, Edmonton, Alberta

To register for the Edmonton workshop contact Malcolm Connell by phone at 780-239-9649 or email by connellmjm@hotmail.com

Please note registration in advance is required

Final day for registration is March 18, 2013

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