

# 2014 Apiculture Extension Workshops

## 1. 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 biology 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 the **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.

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

### Dates and Locations

#### Calgary (8:30am-4:30pm)

- February 8, 2014 at the Executive Royal Hotel, North Calgary 2828-23rd Street N.E., Calgary, AB.

**To register for the Calgary course contact the Ag-Info Centre Toll-free in Alberta: 1-800-387-6030. Final date for registration is February 3, 2014.**

#### Edmonton (8:30am-4:30pm)

- February 22, 2014 at Crop Diversification Centre North, 17507 Fort Road NW, Edmonton, AB.

**To register for the Edmonton course contact the Ag-Info Centre Toll-free in Alberta: 1-800-387-6030. Final date for registration is February 17, 2014.**

***Cost is \$21 per person which includes coffee and lunch. Please make cheques out to the Alberta Beekeepers, and mail to 11434-168 Street #102, Edmonton, AB, T5M 3T9***

## 2. 2014 Bee-Ginners Beekeeping Course

**New Course Outline: 2 Days of class work in March and a ½ day of hands on work in May.**

This course is for beginner (wanna be(e)keepers). This is a 2 1/2 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, and selling of honey. It includes hands on sessions that will train students on how to start and become active beekeepers.

**This course is for beginning beekeepers only. If you have kept bees and need to advance your information, please enroll in the Intermediate Beekeeping Short course.**

The registration fee is \$148.41 per person including a Beekeeping in Western Canada textbook and the New Edition of 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.

### **Dates & Locations**

#### **Calgary:**

**Dates: Class work** - March 14 and 15, 2014 (8:30 am-4:30pm)

**Field day** (only half day) - May 10, 2014. Beekeepers registered for the class work can choose one of the following time periods for hands on field day: 9:00am-12:00pm or 1:00pm-4:00pm.

**Address: Class work** – Holiday Inn Calgary - 4206 Macleod Trail, Calgary

**Field day** – Airdrie Agriculture Building (Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development), 97 East Lake Ramp NE, Airdrie, AB.

**To register for the Calgary course contact the Ag-Info Centre Toll-free in Alberta: 1-800-387-6030. Final date for registration is March 7, 2014**

#### **Edmonton:**

**Dates: Class work** - March 21 and 22 (8:30am-4:30pm)

**Field day** (only half day) - May 17, 2014. Beekeepers registered for the class work can choose one of the following time periods for hands on field day: 9:00am-12:00pm or 1:00pm-4:00pm.

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

**To register for the Edmonton course contact the Ag-Info Centre Toll-free in Alberta: 1-800-387-6030. Final date for registration is March 14, 2014**

## **3. Honey Food Safety Workshop**

**What's the Buzz about Honey?** *Get the facts about producing safe honey and implementing bee biosecurity in your beekeeping business*

This is a one day workshop. It focuses on the safe use of agricultural chemicals and implementation of biosecurity practices in beekeeping. The workshop includes information on

the production of safe honey, residues, and the proper use, handling and storage of agricultural chemicals. This workshop also includes information on the federal *Food and Drugs Act* that govern honey and hive products. Bee biosecurity activities that can be done to minimize the risk of introducing and spreading disease and pests are included.

**Dates and Locations:**

All sessions are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Select the date and location that suits you best. **Register now as seating is limited.** To register contact the Ag-Info Centre Toll –Free in Alberta 1-800-387-6030.

**Deadline for registration is 5 (five) days prior to each workshop.**

- **Lethbridge** on March 4, 2014 at the Coast Lethbridge Hotel & Conference Centre, 526 Mayor Magrath Dr. S. Lethbridge, AB
- **Grande Prairie** on February 26, 2014 at the Paradise Inn and Conference Centre, 11201 100th Avenue, Grand Prairie, AB.
- **Calgary** on March 1, 2014 at the Executive Royal Hotel, North Calgary 2828-23rd Street N.E., Calgary, AB.
- **Edmonton** on March 8, 2014 at Crop Diversification Centre North, 17507 Fort Road N.W., Edmonton, AB.

***Cost is \$25 per person which includes coffee, and lunch. Please make cheques out to the Alberta Beekeepers, and mail to 11434-168 Street #102, Edmonton, AB, T5M 3T9***

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