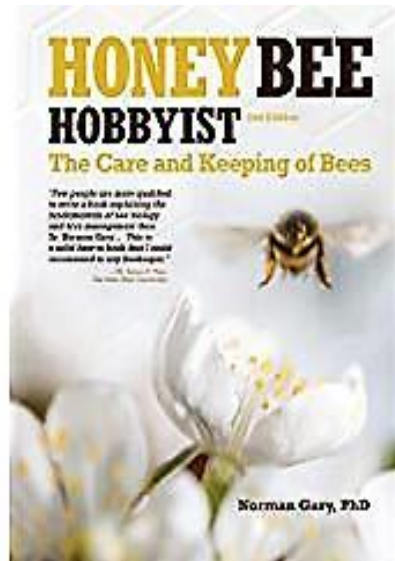


About the Course

First Lessons in Beekeeping is an introductory course for those interested in honey bees and the art of beekeeping. The sessions, taught by local experienced beekeepers, include the necessary and practical information to establish and maintain a bee colony for personal pleasure and profit. Each detailed session provides the participant with general beekeeping knowledge as well as basic beekeeping techniques. At the end of the course, the participants take a written exam toward becoming certified beekeepers in the SC Master Beekeeping Program.

NOTE: Certification in the state program is not required to keep bees in the state of SC. However, state membership is required for beekeeper certification.

Textbook: *Honey Bee Hobbyist* by Dr. Norman Gary, Rev. 1, © 2019



Course Content

The *First Lessons in Beekeeping* course includes the following topics:

Note: *Content topics are subject to change and may not be presented in the order listed.*

- ❖ **Introduction to the Honey Bee**
- ❖ **The Honey Bee Family**
- ❖ **Bee Anatomy and Physiology**
- ❖ **Basic Equipment**
- ❖ **Selecting the Apiary Site**
- ❖ **Starting a Bee Hive**
- ❖ **Working with Honey Bees**
- ❖ **Diseases and Pests**
- ❖ **Seasonal Management**
- ❖ **Products of the Hive**
- ❖ **Honey Packaging and Labeling**
- ❖ **Review and Exam**

The [course dates](#) for 2019 are Tuesday nights, 6:30 PM –

- **January 15, 2019**
- **January 22, 2019**
- **January 29, 2019**
- **February 5, 2019**
- **February 12, 2019**
- **February 19, 2019**

Instruction

Other experienced beekeepers may assist as needed during the course; however, three of the instructors are:

Jonathan Hanger

Jonathan has kept bees for over 15 years and is past president of ABA. He has taught the Beginner Beekeeping course for over 13 years and was previous area Representative to the SC State Beekeepers Assoc.

Deborah Sasser

Deborah is past Secretary of ABA. She is known for outstanding photography of her hives and bees. Deborah also makes excellent use of beeswax.

Allen Johnson

Allen has served as past ABA President and has received special training from Clemson in honey bee parasites. He raises nucleus hives for sale and owns a beekeeping equipment supply store.

The ABA Beekeeping Beginner Course Registration Form provides for course enrollment with fee payment and includes the current year memberships in both the ABA (local) and SCBA (state) beekeeping associations. SCBA membership is required in order to take the course exam for certification. The ABA course fee is \$65 per adult (single) plus \$30 for each additional family member age 12 years and older with paid adult (includes only one textbook) and includes the following: Course enrollment, Text Book (1), Written Exam Fee, ABA Membership (current year), and SCBA Membership (current year).

Course Registration Form

To register, please complete the following, cut on line, and mail to Course Administrator with appropriate fee.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Please check: \$65

Additional family members:

(Age 12 yrs and older)

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Please check: \$30

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Please check: \$30

Additional textbooks: \$15 each X _____ = \$ _____

Total registration fee: \$ _____

Make check payable to – Aiken Beekeepers Assoc.

Course Registration

Registration includes

- Course enrollment \$15
 - Text book** (1) \$15
 - Written exam fee \$10
 - ABA membership (current year) \$15
 - SCBA membership (current year) \$10
- [Note: State membership is required in order to take the exam]

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Course Location

Trinity United Methodist Church

2724 Whiskey Rd

Aiken, SC 29803

(across from Tractor Supply Company)

[park at rear of building]

Breaks and refreshments will be provided.

To Register, please complete the attached -

← Course Registration Form

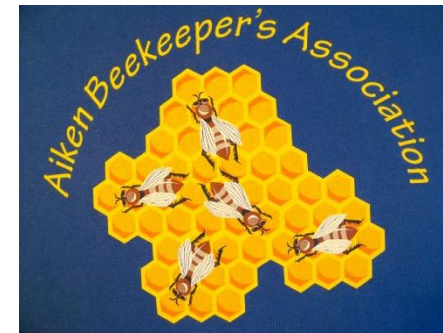
For additional information, please contact:

Course Administrator →

Did You Know?

- There are 16 kinds of honey bees.
- Honey bees will fly 2 to 5 miles to gather pollen and nectar.
- A colony of honey bees must fly a combined total of 55 thousand miles and visit 2 million flowers to produce one pound of honey!
- A honey bee queen can lay over 2,500 eggs per day and can live several years.
- There are over 300 varieties of honey.
- Honey is the only food that will never spoil.
- Pure local honey aids allergy relief.
- Honey products contain antibacterial properties making them excellent to treat cuts and burns.
- Honey bees are responsible for multi-million dollars of the US food supply.

Learn even more at the Aiken Beekeepers Association's Beekeeping Beginner's Course



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