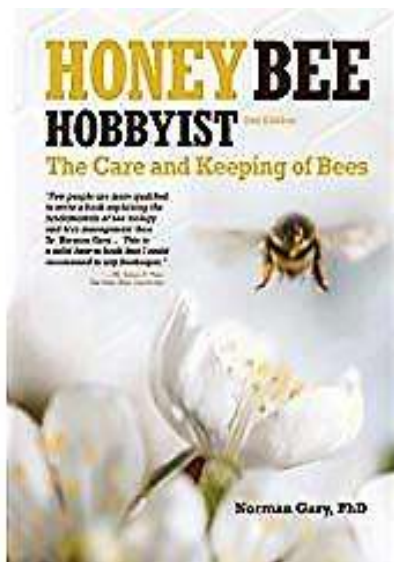


About the Course

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, Edition 2, © 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 2020 are Tuesday nights 6:30 PM – (no later than 9:00 PM)

- **February 4, 2020**
- **February 11, 2020**
- **February 18, 2020**
- **February 25, 2020**
- **March 3, 2020**
- **March 10, 2020**



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. At the end of the course, a one day “field day” will be available where all the new beekeepers can open, inspect and evaluate hives with an instructor (weather permitting).

****Space in the course is limited and prior registration/payment is suggested to ensure a spot.**

Course Registration Form

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

Name:

Street, City, State, Zip

Phone:

Email:

Please check: \$70

Additional family members:

(17 yrs old and over)

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Please check: \$70

(Under 17 yrs old w/Paid Adult)

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Free

Additional textbooks: \$12 each X ____ = \$_____

Total registration fee: \$_____

Make check payable to – Aiken Beekeepers Assoc.

Mail to:

Wendy Gray
720 Mt. Pleasant Rd.
Monetta, SC 29105

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Course Fees

\$70 per adult

Under 17 years FREE with each paid adult

** Additional textbooks are \$12 each.

Registration includes:

- Course enrollment
- Text book** (1)
- Written exam fee
- ABA membership (current year)
- SCBA membership (current year)

Course Location

Trinity United Methodist Church

2724 Whiskey Rd

Aiken, SC 29803

(across from Tractor Supply Company)

[park at rear of building]

Breaks will be provided.

To Register, please complete the attached -

← Course Registration Form

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