



## Practical Beekeeping for Beginners 2021 Classes Virginia Beekeeping Teaching Consortium (VBTC)

The Virginia Beekeeping Teaching Consortium (VBTA) is offering ***Practical Beekeeping for Beginners***. The class is intensive, most meet once a week for approximately 2 months and are designed primarily for people who want to keep bees. Class size is limited and registration usually fills up early. Classes are open to adults and children (age 10 + accompanied by a paying adult). Books include: Diana Sammataro, *The Beekeepers Handbook (4th ed.)*, Mid Atlantic Apiculture (MAAREC) *Beekeeping Basics & Honey Bee Parasite, Pests, Predators & Diseases* as well as handouts & membership in a local beekeeping association for club affiliated classes. Classes are taught by experienced beekeepers and include information on buying equipment & obtaining bees to start honeybee colonies. Price set by each association. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** *All who are registered with any Consortium Bee School are welcome to make up classes in advance or arrears at any association.*

### **Ashland Beekeepers Association (ABA) (Hanover, Henrico, Caroline, King William)**

**NO CLASS 2021**

Contact Ronnie Bolton at [class@ashlandvabeekeepers.org](mailto:class@ashlandvabeekeepers.org) (804) 651-3504

### **Botetourt and Blue Ridge Beekeepers Associations**

Class meets Saturdays February 6, 2021 through April 10th, 1 -3 pm via zoom and two field days. Mailing pre-registration by Jan 25 saves you money and helps us plan. See Facebook: Botetourt Beekeepers or email [rudytaylor1952@gmail.com](mailto:rudytaylor1952@gmail.com)

### **Beekeepers of Northern Shenandoah (BONS) (Clarke, Frederick, Warren, Fauquier)**

Classes Start mid-February 2021 via online format

See: <http://www.valleybees.org> or email [johnlewis702@comcast.net](mailto:johnlewis702@comcast.net)

**Fairfax Area Beekeepers** Class starts Wed., Feb. 5th at South Lakes High School.

**No class 2021** See: <http://www.fairfaxbees.org>

### **Gateway Beekeepers (King George, Caroline, Westmoreland)**

Classes schedule TBD

Contact Doug Hancock (540) 850-7018 or [doughancock1973@gmail.com](mailto:doughancock1973@gmail.com) or Kathy Lehman at [katlehman49@verizon.net](mailto:katlehman49@verizon.net) See also: [www.gatewaybeekeepers.org](http://www.gatewaybeekeepers.org)

### **Huguenot Beekeepers (HBA)**

**No class 2021** Contact John Davis at 804-314-5073 or [johndavisiv29@gmail.com](mailto:johndavisiv29@gmail.com) see also <https://huguenotbeekeepers.org/> for more info and sign up.

### **Loudoun Beekeepers Association (LBA) (Loudoun)**

TBD Visit <http://www.loudounbee.org/>

**Northern Neck Beekeepers Club (Northumberland, Lancaster, Richmond, Essex, Westmoreland)**

**No class 2021** See: [www.nnbeekeepers.com](http://www.nnbeekeepers.com) Contact Fran King at [queenking@grovemount.net](mailto:queenking@grovemount.net) (225) 788- 2799

**Northern Piedmont Beekeepers Association (NPBA) (Culpeper, Rappahannock, Orange, Madison, Fauquier)**

**No class 2021** Contact Karen Hunt (540-937-4792) or kahu9@juno.com or [www.npbee.org](http://www.npbee.org)

**Peaks of Otter Beekeepers (POB) (Greater Bedford Area)**

Classes will be on Tuesdays starting Feb.2nd – April 13th, 2021. 7:00-9:00 pm  
Contact Ann Zudekoff at 434-660-6063 or [annbeezee@gmail.com](mailto:annbeezee@gmail.com)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/287482401947762/>

**Piedmont Beekeepers Association (PBA -- Greater Lynchburg Area)**

Classes will be Tuesdays starting Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00-9:00pm. [www.piedmontbeekeepers.com](http://www.piedmontbeekeepers.com)  
Contact Julia Arthur at [piedmontbeekeepers@outlook.com](mailto:piedmontbeekeepers@outlook.com) or 804-481-0979

**Prince William Regional Beekeepers Association (PWRBA) (Prince William, Fauquier, Stafford)**

**NO class 2021**

<http://pwrbeekeepers.com/> Contact Chris Mayes, PWRBA Bee School Principal at 703-851-8830 or via email at [BeeSchool@PWRBeekeepers.com](mailto:BeeSchool@PWRBeekeepers.com)

**Rappahannock Area Beekeepers Association (RABA) (Spotsylvania, Stafford)** Class starts Wed., Feb. 3rd, 2021 at the Marshall Center, Spotsylvania, Courthouse. Instructor: Kim Fraser. Contact Kim Fraser [ubbuny@aol.com](mailto:ubbuny@aol.com) See: <https://rbahoneybees.wixsite.com/rappahannockbees>

**Rockwood Park Backyard Beekeepers Association (RPBBA)**

**No class 2021** See <https://rockwoodbeekeepers.com/> for registration and sign up. Contact John Davis at 804-314-5073 or [johndavisiv29@gmail.com](mailto:johndavisiv29@gmail.com) for more info.

**Shenandoah County Beekeepers (Woodstock)**

Classes start January 19th 2021

Contact: Scott Currie at 540-325-5202 or Email: [TtripleB@gmail.com](mailto:TtripleB@gmail.com)