



Introduction to Beekeeping

Bees are an integral part of our environment and play a key role in BC's agricultural industry. This exciting and fun-filled program is offered by the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands and is designed for those with or without beekeeping experience. The course teaches beekeepers to keep bees successfully through best management practices. Learn the basics of good beekeeping management for those planning to keep bees, or for people who are just fascinated by pollinating insects!

Introductory Beekeeping Course

Learn beekeeping management, bee biology and behavior, crop pollination and management of bee diseases and pests. Emphasis will be placed on disease identification and control, including lab instruction. This 21-hour course includes a "hands-on" field visit. Other bees, including Bumble Bees and solitary bees will also be discussed. Reference materials provided. Certificate will be issued at the end of this course.

Location, Times and Course Fee

Classroom instruction will be at Kwantlen Polytechnic University – Langley Campus (Langley By-Pass, just East of Glover Road). Course instruction is Wednesday evenings, 7PM – 10 PM. The first class will be March 24 and the last class on April 28. The field visit is planned for Saturday, April 24, 10AM – 1PM. The course fee is \$150 per registrant.

Instructors

Jaquie Bunse is the Apiary Inspector of the Fraser Valley for the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands. Jaquie's longtime involvement with bees has not been limited to inspections but also involved international beekeeping conferences, seminars on beekeeping management, diseases, mead making and marketing.

Paul van Westendorp has been Provincial Apiculturist and Manager of the Apiculture Program of the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands since 1990. Paul has been involved with bees since his youth, graduated from UBC in Agricultural Sciences and acquired experience in apicultural research in northern Alberta and apicultural development in Uganda and Kenya.

Registration and Course Information Payment (Cheque by mail)

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