



Essex County Beekeepers Association Basic Beekeeping Course Information (for Spring 2010)

The class, sponsored by the Essex County Beekeepers Society (ECBS) a branch of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association (NJBA), covers the basics of beekeeping, including purchasing of bees and equipment, seasonal management, honey production and harvesting, and keeping the bees healthy. It is intended for both new beekeepers and those needing a refresher. See Class Agenda below. On Field Day, participants will open and examine a hive of bees under the guidance of an instructor.

3-Day Course Length & Schedule

- Class Day: Saturday, February 27, 9:00 - 4:00 PM
- Class Day: Saturday, March 6, 9:00 - 4:00 PM
- Field Day with the Bees: Sunday, April 18, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

In case of inclement weather (you will be notified - if in doubt, Maria Glasser, 973 762-3630:

- "Snow Day" for Class Days: Saturday, March 27, 9:00 - 4:00 PM
- "Snow/Rain" Day for Field Day: April 24, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Course Tuition

The **fixed course fee of \$90** per person includes a new or renewal membership in the New Jersey Beekeepers Association AND one of its local branch associations for a full year. It also includes books, handouts, and continental breakfast and snacks on both class days.

Course Location

Saturday classes are held at the Essex County Environmental Center, 621-B Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland, N.J. 07068. The field day on April 18 will be held at various apiaries in the area.

Course Instructors

- **Landi Simone:** Course Coordinator, [Eastern Apicultural Society](#) Certified Master Beekeeper, owner [Gooserock Farm](#), producer of honey, beeswax cosmetics and other related products, hygienic queens and nucs (nucleus bee colonies). New Jersey Beekeepers Association executive board member, past president of Essex County Beekeepers Society.
- **Joe Lelinho:** Current president of Essex County Beekeepers Association, owner of Hilltop Honey - producer of natural unprocessed honey & related products, provider of bee services, and NJ's [Mid Atlantic Apiculture Research and Extension Consortium](#) representative.
- **Joe Treimel:** Essex County Beekeepers Society "bee wrangler", corresponding secretary, newsletter editor and honey producer.
- **Tim Schuler:** [New Jersey Dept. of Agriculture State Apiarist](#), past president of the NJ Beekeepers Association, current president of the South Jersey Beekeepers Association, previous

employee of the NJ Divisions of Animal Health and Plant Industry, long-time beekeeper, honey producer and provider of honey bee pollination services.

Course Registration

Contact the registrar, Maria Glasser, 3plus2@verizon.net, 973 762-3630 or [click here](#). Your registration will be finalized ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF THE COURSE TUITION. Mail your fee (check only) to

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- **Bring a bagged lunch with you.** Alternately, there are local restaurants where you can buy lunch (pizza) if you prefer. We will provide a continental breakfast both non-field days, and an afternoon snack.
- **Come prepared to take notes.** There is a lot of material. You will receive a package with information-packed handouts but you should plan to bring a pen or pencil and a notebook.
- **"Snow/Rain Days":** See Course Schedule above.
- **Class Agenda is shown below.**

Saturday February 27, 2010

9:00- 9:30 Sign in & welcome. Continental breakfast.
9:30-10:45 Honey Bee Biology: Landi Simone.
10:45-11:00 Q&A
11:00-11:45 Beekeeping Equipment: Tim Schuler.
11:45-12:00 Q&A
12:00- 1:00 Lunch BRING YOUR OWN!
1:00- 2:00 Honey Bee Pests and Diseases: Tim Schuler.
2:00- 2:45 Your New Bees - Packages and Nucs: Landi Simone (plus
afternoon snack).
2:45- 3:30 Feeding Beeds.
3:30- 4:00 Q&A

Saturday March 6, 2010

9:00- 9:30 Welcome. Continental breakfast.
9:30-10:45 Seasonal Integrated Pest Management (IPM): Landi Simone.
10:45-11:00 Q&A
11:00-12:00 Harvesting the Honey Crop. Joe Lelinho.
12:00- 1:00 Lunch. BRING YOUR OWN!
1:00- 1:45 Bee Plants: Major NJ Pollen & Nectar Producers: Joe
Triemel.
1:45- 2:00 Q&A
2:00- 2:30 Queens, Problems and Re-Queening: Landi Simone.
2:30- 4:00 Snacks and Q&A

Saturday, April 18, 2010

1:00- 4:00 Field Day. Details will be announced in class.

Questions? Comments? Send a message to the registrar, Maria Glasser, 3plus2@verizon.net, 973 762-3630.