FREDERICK COUNTY BEEKEEPING ASSOCIATION

Frederick County Beekeeping Association
2017 Beekeeping Short Course for Beginners

The Frederick County Beekeeping Association (FCBA) is offering a beekeeping course for beginners covering the basics in order to prepare would-be beekeepers to establish and maintain honeybee colonies.

Traditionally, beekeeping associations offer courses in the winter months so that students are better able to order bees and equipment before Spring. Our 3-day course will be held on consecutive Saturdays — Jan. 21, Jan. 28 and Feb 4, 2017 (Snow date, February 18th), from 9am-3pm at the:

Walkersville United Methodist Church
22 Main St., Walkersville, MD 21793

In addition to these three lecture/demonstration days, there will also be a Saturday Field Day/Pot Luck Picnic later in the Spring where we'll cover more course material, and we'll work with bees and hives. (Date and location TBD).

For the three Jan.-Feb. classes, we encourage you to bring a bag lunch and mingle with beekeepers and students during breaks and between the morning and afternoon sessions. Alternatively, fast food places are nearby. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

The cost for the course is $75 per person for the first adult and $45 per additional adult in the same family, if any. Family members ages 12 to 17 are $30 per person. (The minimum age to attend this course is 12 years.) Course fee includes a one-year free membership in FCBA!

There will be one set of materials per family including "The Beekeepers Handbook", 4th ed. (by Diana Sammataro and Alphonse Avitabile) which covers the basics of beginning beekeeping for our area. You will also get a binder with lecture outlines, printouts of relevant materials and space for note taking.

This course and FCBA general meetings (normally held the first Wednesday of each month at the USDA Bldg., 69 Thomas Johnson Dr., Frederick, MD) are great places to meet and discuss honeybees and beekeeping with other local beekeepers including vendors. Check out the FCBA website at:

http://www.frederickbees.org

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SPACE IS LIMITED: Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Reservations must be secured by mailed-in payment. Registration closes on January 2, 2017 or whenever the class is filled.

Register online now at http://davidmaloney.com/machform/view.php?id=24
and then mail your check made payable to "FCBA" to FCBA, c/o 1612 Shookstown Rd., Frederick, MD 21702. Questions? Call or email Dave Maloney (301-228-2279 dave@maloney.com).