FREDERICK COUNTY BEEKEEPING ASSOCIATION

Frederick County Beekeeping Association
2027 Beekeeping Course for Beginners

The Frederick County Beekeeping Association (FCBA) is offering a beekeeping course for beginners covering the basics 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 in January 2025 (Jan. 9, Jan. 16, and Jan. 23 (snow date, January 30), from 9 am-3 pm 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 later in the spring at a local apiary, where we'll work with bees and hives. (The Date and location are TBD.)

Be sure to attend all 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. Vendors of beekeeping supplies will be present on the 2nd and 3rd day of class. This is a great opportunity to discuss your bee and beekeeping equipment needs with the experts and to make on-site purchases as needed.

The course costs $90 per person for the first adult and $80 for a maximum of one additional person age 16 years or older.

Drawings for door prizes will be held throughout each day. In addition, raffle tickets for some very nice beekeeping products will be for sale. The raffle drawings will be at the end of the last day of class when Course Completion Certificates will also be presented.

- To better familiarize you with much of what will be covered, each family group should obtain their own copy of "Beekeeping for Dummies – 5th ed." by Howland Blackiston which covers the basics of beginning beekeeping. Please read this book before class begins.
- Each student will get a 3-ring binder with lecture outlines, printouts of relevant materials, and space for taking notes.
- The course fee also includes a one-year free membership in FCBA (for new members only).

This course and FCBA monthly meetings are great places to meet and discuss honeybees and beekeeping with other local beekeepers. Visit the FCBA website at https://www.frederickbees.org.

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SPACE IS LIMITED: Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations must be secured by payment. Seats fill very quickly, and registration closes whenever the class is filled.

CLICK HERE to register online

Once registered, you will be taken to a site to pay either by PayPal/credit card or by check.
Questions? Call or email Dave Maloney (c-301-712-5855 dave@maloney.com).