

**Practical Beekeeping
Winter/Spring 2009**

Presented by

Essex County Beekeepers' Association, Inc.

<http://www.essexcountybeekeepers.org>

Practical Beekeeping: Essex County Beekeepers' Association is offering a nine week course for beginning beekeepers and others with an interest in bees. Practical Beekeeping is an introductory level course designed to provide students, with no previous knowledge or experience with beekeeping, the necessary information and skills to keep honeybees and produce honey and beeswax. The course will include instruction on bee biology, required equipment, setting up bee hives, acquiring and installing bees, managing bees through the seasons, harvesting bee products, local bee supply dealers, a workshop on building bee equipment, and will culminate with one field session working with live honeybees. Check the web site for updates and course syllabus.

Registration: Preregistration will begin on January 23, 2009 and end February 7, 2009. To preregister fill out this form and mail it along with a check for the full amount to the address provided below. Class size is limited and registration is conducted on a first come, first serve basis. All checks will be held until the first night of class and are not refundable. ~~Walk-in registration is still welcome on the first night of class if space is still available, Monday, February 23, 2009 beginning at 6:30.~~ Classes will be held on Monday evenings from February 23rd through April 20th in the Beekeeping Building at the Topsfield Fairgrounds, Route 1, Topsfield, MA. Classes run from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Snow cancellations will be based on North Shore Community College's announcement broadcast on WBZ AM 1030. If our first class is canceled, we will resume registration on the next scheduled class, March 3rd.

Tuition: Tuition is \$45.00 with an additional \$10.00 due for a second family member (minimum of age 12 years accompanied by an adult). Tuition includes one textbook per family, supplemental handouts and refreshments. Class size is limited to the first 60 students. If class becomes full registrants tuition will be returned.

If you have any special needs please notify ECBA in writing @ ECBA Attn: Bee School, PO Box 10, Topsfield, MA 01983-0010 no later than January 24, 2009.

To preregister fill out the section below, separate and mail together with your payment to the Essex County Beekeepers' Association, P.O.Box 10, Topsfield, MA 01983-0010.

Registration Form

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(Mail or bring this form to registration night)

Name: _____

Address/POBox: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Phone: ____ - ____ - _____ email: _____

Amt. Paid: _____ (please do not mail cash) Check: (Make checks payable to **E.C.B.A.**)

How did you hear about this course? Topsfield Fair Newspaper Internet
Fairground sign ECBA member Other

We hope you enjoy the class and learn something new, exciting and useful.
Thank You, ECBA Beeschool Committee

Essex County Beekeeper's Assoc.
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