

Beekeeping 101 Course Guide – 2018

Suggested Guidebook: Beekeeping for Dummies Book – 4th edition (BKD)

- 1) Session 1. January 16, Tuesday – Dave Shaner/Sue Robinson – Aggie Admin Conference Room
 - a) Introduction
 - b) Talk you out of beekeeping: BKD – Chapter 1
 - c) Overview of syllabus
 - d) History of beekeeping
 - e) State inspection
- 2) Session 2. January 23, Tuesday – Ken Oles, All – Aggie Admin Conference Room
 - a) Bee Biology
 - b) Equipment list, time, cost, ordering BKD – Chapters 2, 4 (pgs 65-67), and 5
 - c) Ordering bees
- 3) Session 3. January 30, - Dave Shaner, Sue Robinson – Aggie Admin Conference Room
 - a) Apiary site selection: bring a map of house, mark up sheet; take home and bring back next week
 - b) Hive Assembly
 - c) Installing a package BKD – Chapters 3, 6 (pgs 121-139)
 - d) Installing a nuc
- 4) Session 4. February 6, Tuesday – Aggie Admin Conference Room
 - a) Hive Manipulation
 - b) Pests and Diseases BKD – Chapters 12, 13
- 5) Session 5. February 13, Tuesday – Chuck Woods – Aggie Admin Conference Room
 - a) Spring Management after installing hive or nuc
- 6) Session 6. February 27, Tuesday BKD – Chapters 8 (pgs 176-179), 9, 10
 - a) Summer Management
- 7) Session 7. March 6, Tuesday – Sue Robinson, Dave Shaner - Aggie Admin Conference Room
 - a) Fall/Winter Management
 - b) Q&A BKD – Chapter 9
- 8) Session 8. March 13, Tuesday - Sue Robinson, Kathy Gasbarro, Dave Shaner – Aggie Admin Conference Room
 - a) Products of the hive
 - b) Honey Crop BKD – Chapters 15, 16, 17
 - c) Extraction
- 9) Session 9. March 20, Tuesday –, Ed & Marian Szymanski – Aggie Admin Conference Room
 - a) Nectar/Pollen Presentation
 - b) Review BKD – Chapter 18 (pgs 362-365)
- 10) Session 10. March 27, Tuesday – Dave Shaner, Sue Robinson – Aggie Admin Conference Room
 - a) Final Test
 - b) Graduation
 - c) Contest

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