

BEEKEEPER EDUCATION - FEBRUARY

Schools/workshops with early-signup deadlines or meeting dates early next month.

- **Feb. 2. Kentuckiana Beekeepers Association.** Speaker: **Mel Disselkoen**, author of *On the Spot Queen Rearing*. South Central Regional Library, 7300 Jefferson Blvd., Louisville. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. EST. No fee, donations appreciated.
Register on the Kentucky Beekeepers Association website: kyanabees.com/ots-beekeeping/.
- **Feb. 2. South Central Kentucky Bee School.** Allen County Beekeepers Association. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. CST. Speaker: **Dr. Tom Webster**, Kentucky State University. Allen County/Scottsville High School/Science Wing, 1545 Bowling Green Rd. (Veterans Highway), Scottsville. Classes for all levels.
More details: [John Jeskie, kyjeskies@yahoo.com](mailto:John.Jeskie@yahoo.com).
- **Feb. 2. South East Kentucky Bee School.** Speaker: **Dr. Clarence Collison** (retired from Mississippi State University). Whitley County High School, 350 Blvd. of Champions, Williamsburg. Doors open 8:00 a.m. EST, opening session 9, classes 10, closing at 3:15. Fees: \$20 before Jan. 28, \$25 at the door. Couples, \$32 before Jan. 28, \$37 at the door. Ages 11-17, \$3.50, ages 1-10, free. Lunch and refreshments included in registration. Full slate of classes for all levels. Vendors present, silent auction, honey swap.
Send pre-registration checks to Whitley Co. B.A. c/o Whitley County Co-Op Extension Office, P. O. Box 328, Williamsburg, KY 40769. Extension phone (606) 549-1430.
- **Feb. 9. The Honey Depot, Mentoring Classes.** 14005 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, 9 a.m.-noon EST or 1-4 p.m. Reserve on the website, \$10 per person.
More: The Honey Depot website, honeybearfarmsky.com, or Facebook page [facebook.com/events/746042782402207](https://www.facebook.com/events/746042782402207). Phone Joel or Bill at (502) 235-0727.
- **Feb. 9. The Northern Kentucky Beekeepers Association (NKYBA)** free beginner school, "Introduction to Beekeeping 101." Speaker: **Jim Coss**, owner of The Honey and Bee Connection. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. EST. Boone County Extension Office Enrichment Center, 1824 Patrick Drive, Burlington.
Registration and details: nkybeekeepers.com, and [facebook.com/nkybeekeepersassociation](https://www.facebook.com/nkybeekeepersassociation).
- **Feb. 9. Introduction to Beekeeping, Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill**, Harrodsburg, Ky. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. EST. Cost: \$55, includes a box lunch. Honey bee life cycle, choosing hive equipment and assembly, hive site selection, pest management, the costs of beekeeping, how to establish your first hives, and what to expect in your first year as a beekeeper.
Registration: shakervillageky.org/events/introduction-to-beekeeping/. Phone (859) 734-5411.
- **Feb. 11. "Beekeeping: D to Z (After the ABCs),"** (second of four courses), 6-8 p.m. EST. Pulaski County Extension Office, 28 Parkway Drive, Somerset. Coordinator **Dorothea Morgan**. Topics: Managing queens and hives, why nucs are better than packages, and wood hives vs. polystyrene.
Contact Beth Wilson at beth.wilson@uky.edu, or (606) 679-6361.
- **Feb. 16. Eastern Bluegrass Extension Bee School.** 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. EST, Winchester. Pre-registration preferred.
Contact David Davis, david.davis@uky.edu, or Clark County Extension Office, (859) 744-4682.
- **Feb. 22-23.** The Kentucky Department of Agriculture helps sponsor the third annual **Eastern Kentucky Farmer Conference** at the Robinson Center for Appalachian Resource Sustainability in Jackson. Conference is open to all, not just those residing in Eastern Kentucky. Deadline for early registration is Feb. 8. Registration at the door is also available. Scholarship information for early registration is available from Joni Nelson, joni.nelson@kysu.edu.
Conference website: rcars.ca.uky.edu/content/eastern-kentucky-farmer-conference. More: Sister Kathy Curtis, kathy@cfaky.org. Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EasternKYFarmerConference/>.
- **Feb. 23. Northeastern Kentucky Beekeeping School**, Maysville. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. EST. Pre-register before Feb. 20. \$20 adults pre-registration; \$25 at the door. Children \$7.50.
Send check payable to LRBA to Bobby Fore, 1338 Stevens Road, Owingsville, KY 40360. lickingriverba@gmail.com or (606) 247-5817.
- **Feb. 28. Indiana Bee School.** Decatur Central High School, 5251 Kentucky Ave., Indianapolis. 7 a.m. EST, program 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members. Preregistration strongly encouraged.
More info: indianabeekeeper.com/contact_us/indiana_bee_school_xvii. Email Mike Seib: mike@seibshoosierhoney.com.