

2020 Maine Bee Schools/Classes

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MSBA CHAPTER BEE SCHOOLS

Where	Class	When	Cost	Register	Sponsor
Augusta Viles Arboretum, 153 Hospital St	Beekeeping for Beginners	Saturdays 2/29 – 3/21 with open hive day 4/18 9 am - noon	\$55	Email Sheri Zimmerman at iloveireland2005@gmail.com Fee includes textbook and a 1-year membership in Kennebec Beekeepers Association	Kennebec Beekeepers Association [KBA]
Bath Morse High School 826 High St	Introduction to Beekeeping	Tuesday 1/14 6- 8 pm	\$25	Call 207-443-8255 or https://merrymeeting.maineadulted.org/adulted@link75.org On line registrations begin 12/20; Phone, walk-in, and mailed begin January 6	Sagadahoc County Beekeepers Association [SCBA] in conjunction with Merrymeeting Adult Education
	Fundamentals of Beekeeping for Beginners	Tuesdays 1/21 – 3/3 6- 8 pm	\$100		
Blue Hill Blue Hill Public Library, Howard Room, 5 Parker Point Road	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Saturdays 1/19 – 2/1 9:45 am – 12:15 pm	\$45 members \$55 non-members	Contact Carol Phlor at 207-632-2154 or Sandra Beske at 207-326-8258 email: Tricountybeekeepers@yahoo.com Recommended class text book: <u>The Beekeepers Handbook 3rd Edition</u> - Authors Diana Sammataro and Alphonse Avitabile (not required)	Tri-County Beekeepers Club
Lincoln County TBD	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Tuesdays 2/25 – 4/14 6-8:30 pm	\$60	http://www.klcbee.com Fee includes textbook, <u>Simple Smart Beekeeping</u> , handouts related to course content and a 1-year membership in Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers	Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers [KLCB]
Mexico Region 9 Adult Ed Learning Center, 377 River Road	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Tuesdays 1/21 – 4/7 6:30-8:45 pm Registration begins at 6 pm	\$50	westernmainebeekeepers@gmail.com ; call or text 207-578-1705 Fee includes textbook and a 1-year membership in Western Maine Beekeepers Association	Western Maine Beekeepers Association [WMBA]
Oakland Messalonskee High School 131 Messalonskee High Dr., Rm 127	Bee Keeping for Beginners Messalonskee W20	Tuesdays 3/3 – 3/31 6- 8:30 pm	\$50	Call 207-873-5754 or adulted@aos92.org Fee includes textbook and a 1-year membership in Somerset County Beekeepers	Somerset County Beekeepers in conjunction with RSU 18 Adult Education. Classes taught by Mark Reifschneider
Skowhegan Skowhegan Area High School 61 Academy Circle, Media Center	Bee Keeping for Beginners	Wednesdays 2/26 – 3/25 6- 8:30 pm	\$50	Call 207-474-7553 or adulted@msad54.org Fee includes textbook and a 1-year membership in Somerset County Beekeepers	Somerset County Beekeepers in conjunction with RSU 54/MSAD 54 Adult Education. Classes taught by Mark Reifschneider
South Paris University of Maine Cooperative Extension Oxford County Office, 9 Olson Rd	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Saturdays 2/29 – 4/11 9 am - noon	\$50 single \$70 couple	Call 207-693-9226 or cottrill136@roadrunner.com	Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Beekeepers

STATE-WIDE BEE CLASSES

AROOSTOOK COUNTY

Where	Class	When	Cost	Register	Sponsor
Presque Isle <hr/> School Farm, 340 State St	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Saturday 6/6 To Be Confirmed	TBD	Call 207-764-4776 http://msad1.maineadulted.org/	Presque Isle/MSAD #1 Adult Ed <hr/> Class taught by Peter Cowin, President, Penobscot County Beekeepers' Association

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Where	Class	When	Cost	Register	Sponsor
Falmouth <hr/> UMaine Regional Learning Center, 75 Clearwater Dr, Falmouth	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Tuesdays 1/7 - 2/4 6 - 8 pm	\$100	This is a great opportunity for new beekeepers, prior to their first year of bees, or a great refresher course for beekeepers just now going into their first winter. <hr/> Fee includes textbook <u>The Beekeeper's Handbook, 4th Edition</u> <hr/> Call 207.781.6099 or 800.287.1471 (in Maine only) https://extension.umaine.edu/register/product/beginner-beekeeping-january-falmouth-3/	University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Cumberland County <hr/> Classes taught by Jacky Hildreth, EAS Master Beekeeper, and Peggy McLaughlin, EAS Master Beekeeper, members of Cumberland County Beekeepers
	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Tuesdays 2/18-3/17 6 - 8 pm	\$100		
	Intermediate: Honey Bee Diseases & Pests	Wednesdays 2/5 & 2/12 6:30 - 8:30 pm	\$40	This five-hour class will cover the major pest and disease threats to honey bee colonies and their management. Focusing on non-chemical and IPM strategies, students will learn the best management practices for all of the major threats to colony health in Maine. <hr/> Fee includes textbook <u>Honeybee Diseases & Pests, Third Edition</u> <hr/> Call 207.781.6099 or 800.287.1471 (in Maine only) https://extension.umaine.edu/register/product/beekeeping-honey-bee-diseases-intermediate-level-falmouth-20/	University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Cumberland County <hr/> Classes taught by Erin McGregor Forbes, EAS Master Beekeeper, member of Cumberland County Beekeepers
Intermediate: Queens & Nucs	Saturdays 4/4 & 4/11 6:30-8:30 pm	\$35	This five-hour class will cover the basics of starting your own sustainable apiary program through queen rearing and nucleus colony management. Designed for the small scale "back yard" beekeeper, students will learn how to raise and handle queens and how to move from queen rearing into nucleus colony creation and management. <hr/> Call 207.781.6099 or 800.287.1471 (in Maine only) https://extension.umaine.edu/register/product/beekeeping-queens-nucs-intermediate-level-falmouth/	University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Cumberland County <hr/> Classes taught by Erin McGregor Forbes, EAS Master Beekeeper, member of Cumberland County Beekeepers	

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Where	Class	When	Cost	Register	Sponsor
Windham 42 Montgomery Rd	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Thursdays 1/23- 2/27 6:30-8:30 pm	\$75 per person or \$125 per couple	Call 207-232-5842 or gmcooper@aol.com Fee includes handbook	Cooper Charolais Farm & Apiary Classes taught by Mark Cooper, EAS Master Beekeeper
	Intermediate Beekeeping Class	Mondays 1/20 - 2/24 6:30-8:30 pm			
Windham 106 Page Rd	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Wednesdays 6-8pm January 15th-February 12th	\$80 or \$125 couple	Call 207-893-2847 or www.backwoodsbeefarm.com	Backwoods Bee Farm Classes taught by Chris Rogers, EAS Master Beekeeper
	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Saturday #1 February 15th-29th 9am-1pm.	\$80 or \$125 couple	Call 207-893-2847 or www.backwoodsbeefarm.com	Backwoods Bee Farm Classes taught by Chris Rogers, EAS Master Beekeeper
	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Saturday #2 March 28th-April 11th 9am-1pm	\$80 or \$125 couple	Call 207-893-2847 or www.backwoodsbeefarm.com	Backwoods Bee Farm Classes taught by Chris Rogers, EAS Master Beekeeper
	Intermediate Beekeeping Class	Wednesdays March 11th- 25th 6-8pm	\$65 or \$100 couple	Call 207-893-2847 or www.backwoodsbeefarm.com	Backwoods Bee Farm Classes taught by Chris Rogers, EAS Master Beekeeper
Portland 494 Stevens Ave	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Six Sessions: Tues, Thurs or Sat Tu/Th: 6 - 8 pm Sat: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm See Jan - Mar dates on website	\$125	Fee includes textbook: <u>The Backyard Beekeeper</u> (Flottum). Class size is limited to 14 students. To register: call 207-773-9333 or FMI https://thehoneyexchange.com/	The Honey Exchange Classes taught by Phil Gaven, EAS Master Beekeeper
	Sophomore Beekeeping	Two Sessions: Wednesdays 6 - 8 pm See Jan - Mar dates on website	\$125	Fee includes textbook <u>Bee-entials: A Field Guide</u> (Connor). Class size is limited to 14 students. To register: call 207-773-9333 or FMI https://thehoneyexchange.com/	The Honey Exchange Classes taught by Geoff MacLean, Owner of Redbrook Honey

FRANKLIN, OXFORD COUNTIES

Where	Class	When	Cost	Register	Sponsor
Mexico Region 9 Adult Ed Learning Center	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Tuesdays 1/21 - 4/7 6:30-8:45 pm Registration begins at 6 pm	\$50	westernmainebeekeepers@gmail.com; call or text 207-578-1705 Fee includes textbook and a 1-year membership in Western Maine Beekeepers Association	Western Maine Beekeepers Association [WMBA]
Farmington TBD	Introduction to Maine Beekeeping	Tuesdays 4/14, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12 6 - 8:30 pm	TBD	Call 207-778-3460 or https://rsd9.maineadulted.org/	Western Maine Beekeepers Association in conjunction with Farmington Adult Education

HANCOCK COUNTY

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Blue Hill Blue Hill Public Library, Howard Room, 5 Parker Point Road	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Saturdays 1/19 - 2/1 9:45 am - 12:15 pm	\$45 members \$55 non-members	Contact Carol Phlor at 207-632-2154 or Sandra Beske at 207-326-8258	Tri-County Beekeepers Club
Ellsworth TBD	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Mondays 3/2, 3/9 & 3/16 6 - 8 pm	TBD	Call 207-664-7110 ellsworth.maineadulted.org	Ellsworth/Adult Ed Classes taught by Peter Cowin, President, Penobscot County Beekeepers' Association
Ellsworth TBD	Intermediate Beekeeping Class	Mondays 3/30, 4/6 & 4/13 6 - 8 pm	TBD	Call 207-664-7110 ellsworth.maineadulted.org	Ellsworth/Adult Ed Classes taught by Peter Cowin, President, Penobscot County Beekeepers' Association
Mount Desert Isle High School 1081 Eagle Lake Rd. Bar Harbor Room 109	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Wednesdays 3/11 & 3/18 6 - 9pm	\$40	Call 207 288-4703 www.mdi.maineadulted.org	MDI/Adult Ed Classes taught by Peter Cowin, President, Penobscot County Beekeepers' Association
Readfield Maranacook Community H.S.,	One Day Beginners Beekeeping Class	Saturday, 4/4 8:30-12:30 pm	\$44	Call 207-685-4923 http://maranacook.maineadulted.org	Readfield/RSU #38 Maranacook Adult Ed Classes taught by Peter Cowin
Sullivan 1188 US Highway One	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Tuesdays 3/ 31 & 4/ 7 6:30 -9 pm	\$45	Call 207 422-4794 or www.rsu24.coursestorm.com	Sullivan/RSU #24 Adult Ed Classes taught by Peter Cowin

KENNEBEC COUNTY

Where	Class	When	Cost	Register	Sponsor
Albion 332 Bessey Ridge Rd	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Thursdays 3/19 - 4/16 with a field day on 5/2 6:30 to 9 pm	\$65	Call 207-437-2251 during business hours [Monday-Friday 8am-6pm and Saturday 8 am - 3 pm] Fee includes textbook, <u>The Backyard Beekeeper</u> (Flottum) and all handouts related to course content	Swan's Honey Classes taught by Lincoln Sennett
	Advanced Beekeeping Class	Wednesdays 3/18 - 4/15 with a field day on 5/2	\$65	Call 207-437-2251 during business hours [Monday-Friday 8am-6pm and Saturday 8 am - 3 pm] Fee includes textbook, Increase Essentials (Connor) or another Wic Wac Press book for advanced beekeepers and all handouts related to course content	

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Where	Class	When	Cost	Register	Sponsor
Newport TBD	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Tuesdays, 3/10 & 3/17 6 - 9 pm	TBD	Call 207-368-3290 www.RSU19.maineadulted.org	Newport/RSU #19 Adult Ed
Gardiner Gardiner High School 40 West Hill Road	One Day Intro to Beekeeping	Tuesday 1/21 6 - 8 pm	TBD	Call 207-582-3774 or https://msad11.coursestorm.com/browse	Gardiner/MSAD #11 Adult Ed Classes taught by Kennebec Beekeepers Association
Augusta Viles Arboretum 153 Hospital St	Beekeeping for Beginners	Saturdays 2/29 - 3/21 with open hive day 4/18	\$55	Email Sheri Zimmerman at iloveireland2005@gmail.com Fee includes textbook and a 1-year membership in Kennebec Beekeepers Association	Kennebec Beekeepers Association [KBA]

KNOX & LINCOLN COUNTIES

Where	Class	When	Cost	Register	Sponsor
Lincoln County TBD	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Tuesdays 2/25 - 4/14 6 - 8:30 pm	\$60	http://www.klcbec.com Fee includes textbook, <u>Simple Smart Beekeeping</u> , handouts related to course content and a 1-year membership in Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers	Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers [KLCB] Includes light refreshments

LINCOLN COUNTY

Where	Class	When	Cost	Register	Sponsor
Whitefield 373 Hunts Meadow Rd	Beginning Beekeepers Class 1	Saturdays 3/21, 3/28, 4/4 1- 5 pm	\$75	Includes light refreshments and reference book (one per family). Class size is limited to a maximum of 25.	Spicer Bees Classes taught by Rick Cooper and David Spicer Call 207-549-5480 or https://spicerbees.com/product/beginning-beekeepers-class/ Changes to events, times or information will be posted on Spicer Bees Facebook page.
	Beginning Beekeepers Class 2	Sundays 3/22, 3/29 & 4/5 1- 5 pm	\$75		
	Intermediate Beekeepers Class	Date TBD - June 2020 10 am - 4:30 pm	\$100		

OXFORD COUNTY

Where	Class	When	Cost	Register	Sponsor
South Paris University of Maine Cooperative Extension Oxford County Office, 9 Olson Rd	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Saturdays 2/29 - 4/11 9 am - noon	\$50 single \$70 couple	Call 207-693-9226 or cottrill136@roadrunner.com	Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Beekeepers

PENOBSCOT COUNTY

Where	Class	When	Cost	Register	Sponsor
Hampden 236 Main Rd	Hands-on One Day Beginners Class	Saturday 4/18 or 5/2 or 5/23 8 am - 2:30 pm	TBD	Call Peter Cowin at 207 299 6948 petercowin@tds.net For full details, https://www.beewhisperer.us/wordpress/?page_id=78	Classes taught by Peter Cowin, President, Penobscot County Beekeepers' Association
Hampden	Hands-on One Day	Saturday 6/13	TBD	Call Peter Cowin at 207 299 6948 petercowin@tds.net	Classes taught by Peter Cowin,

236 Main Rd	Intermediate Class	8 am – 2:30 pm		For full details, https://www.beewhisperer.us/wordpress/?page_id=78	President, Penobscot County Beekeepers' Association
Bangor TBD	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Wednesdays, 2/5, 2/12 & 2/26 6 - 8 pm	TBD	Call 207 992-5522 or www.bangoradulthood.org	Classes taught by Peter Cowin, President, Penobscot County Beekeepers' Association
Bangor TBD	Intermediate Class	Wednesdays, 4/1, 4/8 & 4/22 6 - 8 pm	TBD		

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SAGADAHOC COUNTY

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Bath <hr/> Morse High School 826 High St	Introduction to Beekeeping	Tuesday 1/14 6- 8 pm	\$25	Call 207-443-8255 or https://merrymeeting.maineadulted.org/adulted@link75.org <hr/> On line registrations begin 12/20; Phone, walk-in, and mailed begin January 6	Sagadahoc County Beekeepers Association [SCBA] in conjunction with Merrymeeting Adult Education
	Fundamentals of Beekeeping for Beginners	Tuesdays 1/21 – 3/3 6- 8 pm	\$100	Call 207-443-8255 or https://merrymeeting.maineadulted.org/adulted@link75.org <hr/> On line registrations begin 12/20; Phone, walk-in, and mailed begin January 6	

SOMERSET COUNTY

Where	Class	When	Cost	Register	Sponsor
Oakland <hr/> Messalonskee High School 131 Messalonskee High Dr., Rm 127	Bee Keeping for Beginners	Tuesdays 3/3 – 3/31 6- 8:30 pm	\$50	Call 207-873-5754 or adulted@aos92.org <hr/> Fee includes textbook and a 1-year membership in Somerset County Beekeepers	Somerset County Beekeepers in conjunction with RSU 18 Adult Education. Classes taught by Mark Reifschneider
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Skowhegan <hr/> Skowhegan Area High School 61 Academy Circle, Media Center	Bee Keeping for Beginners	Wednesdays 2/26 – 3/25 6- 8:30 pm	\$50	Call 207-474-7553 or adulted@msad54.org <hr/> Fee includes textbook and a 1-year membership in Somerset County Beekeepers	Somerset County Beekeepers in conjunction with RSU 54/MSAD 54 Adult Education. Classes taught by Mark Reifschneider

WALDO COUNTY

Where	Class	When	Cost	Register	Sponsor
Unity <hr/> MOFGA's Common Ground Education Center, 294 Crosby Brook Road	Beginner Beekeeping Workshop	Saturday 2/8 10 am – 4 pm	\$50 for MOFGA members \$75 for non-members	Registration: https://78270.blackbaudhosting.com/78270/Beginner-Beekeeping FMI events@mofga.org or call 207-568-4142 <hr/> Scholarships available; to apply https://mofga.formstack.com/forms/scholarship <hr/> Bring a bagged lunch	MOFGA <hr/> Classes taught by David Smith, Sparky's Apiaries, Hope. He is an experienced beekeeper who has maintained over 200 honey bee colonies for 35-plus years. He has served as assistant state apiary inspector.

YORK COUNTY

Where	Class	When	Cost	Register	Sponsor
Lebanon <hr/> 119 Lizotte Road	Beginners Beekeeping Class	Saturdays 2/1 - 4/25 2:30 - 5 pm <hr/> Saturdays 3/7 - 4/25 5:30 - 8 pm	\$115 pp \$65 for 2nd person	Call 207-457-2337 or learnmore@beepride.com <hr/> This is a 5-week class with 4 weeks in the classroom and the 5th class outside in the hives in the Spring.	Bee Pride <hr/> Classes taught by Brian Pride, EAS Master Beekeeper
	Advanced Beginner Beekeeping	Saturdays 1/11 - 1/25 2:30 - 4:30 pm	\$65 pp \$35 for 2nd person	Call 207-457-2337 or learnmore@beepride.com <hr/> This is a 3-week Beekeeping class designed for 2nd year Beekeepers. This class continues where the Beginner Class leaves off. Now that you have made it through your 1st season, learn what to expect in the coming months and how to continue to be a successful Beekeeper.	Classes taught by Brian Pride, EAS Master Beekeeper
Lebanon <hr/> 119 Lizotte Road	Intermediate Beekeeping	Saturdays 1/11 - 1/25 6 - 8 pm	\$65 pp \$35 for 2nd person	Call 207-457-2337 or learnmore@beepride.com <hr/> This is a 3-week Beekeeping class focused on third year or above beekeepers. Some of the subjects we will cover are using microscopes to detect disease, autopsy of a dead out and sustainable beekeeping.	Classes taught by Brian Pride, EAS Master Beekeeper
Springvale <hr/> Downs Conference Room, 15 Oak Street	Beginners Bee School	Thursdays 2/13 - 3/12 6:00-8:30 pm	\$95 per person, \$140 for 2 people who share materials	Register online at https://extension.umaine.edu/york/programs/beginner-bee-school/ or contact the UMaine Extension York County office, 800.287.1535 (in state), 207.324.2814, elizabeth.clock@maine.edu <hr/> Fee includes materials, and includes a 1-year membership in the York County Beekeepers Association	UMaine Extension York County in association with York County Beekeepers Association <hr/> Classes taught by Larry Peiffer, EAS Master Beekeeper and former MSBA vice president
Springvale <hr/> Anderson Learning Center, 21 Bradeen Street, Suite 201	Introduction to Beekeeping	Wednesdays 1/29, 2/26 or 3/20 6:30-8:30 pm	\$19	Call 207-490-5145 or adulted@sanford.org <hr/> Each class is a one session overview of keeping bees with a brief presentation about time commitment and financial considerations involved with the hobby	Sanford Community Adult Ed <hr/> Classes taught by Brian Pride, EAS Master Beekeeper, Bee Pride
Wells <hr/> TBD	Introduction to Beekeeping	Thursday 2/27 6:30 - 8:30 pm	TBD	Call 207-646-4565 or adulted@wocsd.org	Wells-Ogunquit Adult Education <hr/> Classes taught by Brian Pride, EAS Master Beekeeper, Bee Pride