

# Centre County Beekeepers Association

## Beekeeping 101 - Introduction to Beekeeping, 10a-3p

- 10a Greetings, intros
- 10:15a Bee biology and the workings of the hive **slides and presentation**
- 10:30a – 11:00 (run both demos, people switch at halfway point)
1. Beekeeping Equipment – the hive box, tools **DEMO**
  2. Safety – personal **DEMO**
- 11:00 How to get bees? **Slides, discussion**
1. Nucs
  2. Packages
  3. Swarms
  4. Splits
- 12p LUNCH, networking
- 12:30p Now you have ordered bees, what do you do next?
1. Read, read, ask questions
  2. Site for your hives **slides and discussion**
  3. Installing packages or working with nucs **DEMO**
  4. Feeding and water **DEMO**
- 1:15p The beekeeping year – the general activities calendar for beekeepers **Slides and discussion**
- 1:30p Best management practices (run both, people switch at halfway point)
1. The continuum of proactive pest management - Integrated Pest Management (IPM) **slides and DEMO**
  2. Bear fencing **DEMO (Craig C has offered to do this)**
- 2:30 PA regulations and state membership **slides, discussion**
1. License,
  2. Pa State Beekeepers Assoc.
  3. Selling bees or honey/hive products
- 2:45p Wrap up and Getting help, recommended reading, magazine **slides, discussion**

## HANDOUT PACKET

Slides

Vendors for bees

Vendors for bee equipment

Order form for PA beekeepers

Order form for apiary license

Recipe for fondant and for syrup

Info on recommended books and magazines