

BURGH BEES IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE:

“Are You Bee-Curious?” Informational Sessions
and
The 2009 Beekeeping 101 Training!
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“ARE YOU BEE-CURIOUS?” INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS:

Join four of the founders of Burgh Bees—Meredith Grelli , Alex Grelli, Robert Steffes and Jennifer Wood—for an evening exploring the amazing craft of beekeeping. These sessions are designed to answer your questions about beekeeping and to help you decide if you want to participate in the full-year beekeeping training. We recommend you attend a “Bee Curious?” session if you haven’t been to visit an apiary and want to learn more about what it takes to become a beekeeper. Registration forms for the 2009 Beekeeping Training will be available at the “Bee Curious?” sessions. These sessions are free and open to the public! There’s no need to register for them.

March 23, 2009 at 7 PM

Penn State Agriculture Extension,
Point Breeze
400 North Lexington Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15208-2521

April 1, 2009 at 7 PM

East End Food Coop
7516 Meade Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15208

We’ll cover the same material in both sessions, so you need to attend only one of them.

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2009 BEEKEEPING 101 FULL-YEAR TRAINING

The cost for the total training—the whole shebang!-- is \$50.

For more information, or to obtain a registration form, please email:

burghbees@gmail.com.

Space is limited, so please register early!

No previous beekeeping experience is required, but please attend a “Bee Curious?” session if you haven’t been to one of our Open Hives last year.

NOTE: The April classroom session dates, times & location are set. Other sessions will be scheduled at area beekeepers’ apiaries or at the two apiaries Burgh Bees is establishing (with your help!) in Braddock and Hazelwood. The other dates are tentative because they’re dependent on weather and constraints that come with working with bees. The apiary sessions will most likely be held in the afternoon, as that’s the best time to go into hives. We’ll do our best to work the schedule out with all of our participants!

Tentative Schedule			
DATE	TIME	TOPICS	LOCATION
April 5	1-3pm	Beekeeping 101: Classroom Session on Bee Biology	Penn State Extension Office 400 N. Lexington Ave.
April 19	1-3pm	Beekeeping 101: Classroom Session on bee Equipment & Terminology, basic management techniques	Penn State Extension Office 400 N. Lexington Ave.
April 25	TBA	Package installation demos, quick inspections	Baden, PA
May	TBA	Basic inspection & Swarm Management	TBA
June	TBA	Supering & summer splits	TBA
July 11	TBA	BVABA picnic & open hives	TBA
August	TBA	Parasite and disease management	TBA
September	TBA	Fall Honey Extraction	TBA
November	TBA	Working with Hive Products (beeswax, cooking with honey)	TBA
December	TBA	Winter Celebration and 2010 Planning	TBA

For the first two sessions in April, bring a pen and notebook for taking notes if you’d like. When we begin going into the hives, we’ll have veils and disposable gloves for you to wear. You’ll want to wear (or bring): a shirt with a collar and long sleeves that can button; pants (jeans are perfect); and heavy shoes (or boots). Lighter colored clothing is preferable if you have it. Your clothes may get stained with propolis, so be prepared for that. And speaking of being prepared, there is always a chance you’ll get stung. We’ll do our best to prevent that, but it does come with the territory!

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