

SACRAMENTO AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION CLASSES

Who can benefit from these classes? The beginning class course content is designed for those wanting to explore beekeeping; you need not have prior experience nor have already decided you want to manage bees. Whether you have taken other classes or have been a beekeeper previously, our Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced classes will be quite informative. They will help you understand how beekeeping practices are evolving to keep pace with the increasing difficulties honey bee colonies are facing today. More advanced techniques are explained in detail in the Advanced classes, which emphasize hands-on learning.

Our courses are taught by experienced beekeepers, considered experts in their field:

- Serge Labesque teaches beekeeping classes at Sonoma Community College, and is the author of many published articles emphasizing “minimalist” intervention and developing locally-adapted colonies. His monthly column, describing innovative methods of managing his own hives, appears in several regional beekeeping newsletters.
- Randy Oliver is a commercial beekeeper in the Grass Valley area, and a contributor to American Bee Journal. In his own words: “my writing is a digestion of the scientific literature, relating it to my day-to-day hands-on experience and observations in my 40+ yards of bees. Randy treats his hives with natural compounds, managing Varroa mite infestations with methodology developed in his decades of work.
- Bernardo Niño has been working with honey bees for 8 years and spent the last two as a Staff Research Associate in the E.L. Niño Bee Lab in the UC Davis Dept. of Entomology and Nematology. He serves as the Program Supervisor for the California Master Beekeeper Program (CAMBP), leads large scale field studies investigating multiple aspects of Varroa mite infestation on honey bee health, supports multiple research projects, as well as teaches and develops courses for the E.L. Niño Bee Lab and CAMBP.

Taking a second class from a different instructor is highly recommended. While there may be some redundancy, you’ll be exposed to a range of methods, which will help you choose how you want to manage your bees. Based on feedback from many graduates, we recommend that you take one or more classes *before* you get your first bees, and a ‘repeat’ class after you’ve started. The information you get in a second or even third class will have new meaning for you, and you’ll have the opportunity to find answers to the questions that will inevitably arise as you begin or continue your beekeeping journey.

CLASS INFORMATION:

Cost: \$60 per person

Location: UC Cooperative Extension, 4145 Branch Center Road, Sacramento, CA 95827.

This building is on Kiefer Blvd, just west of Bradshaw Rd, south of Hwy 50.

Time: Classes start at 8:30, and end at about 4:30pm. They are on Sat. or Sun.

If you have questions or need to cancel, contact the Coordinator.

REGISTRATION:

All registration and payment per class must be done ONLINE at this website:

<http://www.sacbeekeepers.org/classes.html>

Because classes fill quickly, this process ensures first-come, first-served.