

Fist Year Beekeeper Training – June 8-9, 2019

This course is being hosted by the Cook County Farm Bureau. It is taught by veteran beekeeper, Pete Soltesz, President of CookDupage Beekeeper's Association, and former Board of Directors, Illinois State Beekeeper's Association. Joining him will be Kim Kulton, Entomologist, business owner, and bee-farmer. Kim is also on the Board of the CDBA.

The course is designed for the first-year beekeeper – whether you are just curious about beekeeping, or you've just installed your first package and are now wondering what you should do. Emphasis will be on Seasonal activities:

- Growing a healthy bee population, methods of monitoring and controlling varroa mites, and mitigating the swarm impulse
- A healthy discussion around splits, supering, and queen rearing will be included
- A demonstration of uncapping and extracting frames of honey

Fee: Two-day course is \$75.00 for CCFB or CDBA members.

When: Saturday, June 8th, and Sunday June 9th 9 AM – 3 PM

Where: Cook County Farm Bureau | 6438 Joliet Road, Countryside

Register: Call the Farm Bureau at 708-354-3276-credit card accepted

It's a working lunch, bring your own.

Beverages & refreshments provided

Saturday, June 8th, 2019 Course Outline

Morning Seasonal Management System

For each change of season, a discussion of what the bees are doing, where do they draw their resources, what poses any threat- be they predators, disease, insects, parasites, etc...; What are the Beekeeper's Best Practices, and what needs to happen to stay one step ahead:

- Spring Buildup
- Natural Pollen Sources
- Hive Body Rotation
- Inspections
- Healthy Brood Chambers
- Adding Supers
- Splits
- Recognizing the Flow
- Summer Solstice
- Harvest
- Dearth
- Robbing
- Fall Flow
- Winterizing

Afternoon Varroa Lifecycle & Control

Sunday, June 9th

Morning: The Swarm Impulse
Signs to Recognize
Steps to Mitigate

12:00 – 12:15 **Break**

12:15 – 1:00 **Working Lunch**
Honey Harvest Demo – uncapping and extracting

1:00 PM – 3:00 Q&A – all topics