



SPRING BEEKEEPING CLASS FOR BEGINNERS SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 20 • MSU BOZEMAN



MSU is offering this one-day class for novices and beginners interested in learning how to raise honey bees. The class covers how to purchase bees and assemble equipment, establish a new beehive, yearly hive maintenance, pest deterrence, and types of hives used in apiculture. Western Bee Supply will set up a small trade show in the lobby.

Workshop fee per person: **\$50.00** (non-refundable after **Wednesday February 17**)
Registration deadline is **Monday, February 15** or whenever the class is full.

To register and send in payment, go to:
<https://www.montana.edu/beekeeping/>

Note: When the class is full, the above links will be broken.

Registrants will receive a meeting schedule, a map to the facilities at MSU, and parking instructions.

Instructors:

Kevin Wanner, MSU Crop Entomologist
Ruth O'Neill, MSU Entomology Research Associate
Rick Molenda, Western Bees Supply, Polson MT*

Schedule for Saturday, February 20, 2016

8:00 – 8:30		Check in
8:30 – 9:30	Kevin Wanner	Opening Remarks "Introduction to Honey Bee Biology"
9:30 – 10:30	Ruth O'Neill	"A Year in the Hive"
10:30 – 10:45 - Break		
10:45 – 11:30	Ruth O'Neill	"Alternative Hive Types"
11:30-12:30 – Lunch is not provided – available restaurants on and off campus		
12:30 – 1:15	Rick Molenda	"How to Order Supplies and Assemble a Hive"
1:15 – 2:15	Ruth O'Neill	"Varroa Mites and Other Common Problems"
2:15 – 3:00 - Honey Tasting (varietal honeys with bread and butter)		

* IF YOU ARE ENROLLED in the beekeeping class, you can place an equipment order with Rick ahead of time and he can bring your merchandise with him on the day of class, enabling you to skip the cost of shipping. See <http://www.westernbee.com/> for online catalog. PLEASE NOTE: Bee packages (live bees delivered in late April or early May) sell out quickly, so reserve your order early if you want to start new hives this spring!