

Washington Master Beekeepers

Apprentice, Journeyman & Master Beekeeper Certification Program

JOURNEYMAN LEVEL

Journeyman Beekeeping Class Must Include the following Subjects

- Colony & Bee Management
- Spring Management
- Bee Yard Products and Sales
- Honey
- Production/Summer Management
- Queen Rearing
- Fall Management

Journeyman Beekeeper Service Requirements

(Must Complete 5 items from the list below)

- Work shims at the fair or serve as a judge at the fair
- Give a presentation on beekeeping to a group of non-beekeepers.
- Give a presentation at a local beekeeping association or meeting
- Assist in a 4H or other youth program.
- Be a Mentor to a new beekeeper for the summer
- Serve as an officer in a beekeeping organization
- Serve on a local Beekeeping association committee: e.g. education, fair, queen program, etc. for at least one year
- Provide one-on-one instruction to a group of beekeepers
- Publish an article in a beekeeping newsletter or beekeeping journal
- Or other approved service program outlined by the WSMB board

Certification Goals:

Demonstrate breadth and depth of knowledge of bees and beekeeping.

Develop the ability to mentor and teach other beekeepers.

Develop the ability to give presentation to groups of non-beekeepers on beekeeping.

Contribute service to the beekeeping community.

Specific Objectives:

Develop and implement your own Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. Demonstrate hive and bee yard management Spring, Summer and Fall.

Demonstrate knowledge of spits, and combines. Demonstrate knowledge of queen rearing and requeening.

Maintain a detailed colony inspection log for one or more hives Develop a presentation on a bee-related topic of choice.

Prerequisites:

Must be a certified Apprentice Beekeeper from an approved program

Must have 3 summers experience as a Beekeeper

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Must be a member of a local beekeeping Association

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