

SUMMER 2008 SHORT BEEKEEPING WORKSHOPS

June 21. Introduction to beekeeping

In this class we will introduce the students to bees, topbar beehives, and how to gently open a beehive with a clear understanding that bees can sting but would rather not. We will discuss honey bee biology and how to lose our fear of bees but not our respect. We will watch as a beehive is quickly made out of a board. We will all open beehives, move combs, and learn how to keep learning from the best teachers of beekeeping, the bees.

July 19. Refresher day for beekeepers

Les has taught beekeeping for more than twenty years. Often former students would like a day to meet other beekeepers, ask burning questions, hear about any new ideas, and spend a day renewing their zeal as people who love and work with bees. We will cover a wide range of topics from swarm prevention, pollination, beekeeping as a small business, or what ever the students want.

August 16. Honey harvest and wax processing

We will have the simple equipment set up to harvest honey and beeswax. We will harvest honey, melt and purify beeswax and get the beehives ready for winter. Our goal is first to make sure that the bees have what they need and then to harvest what we know that they can give us.

All classes are from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and cost \$90 per class or \$100 if we supply your midday meal. The cost is \$250 or \$275 with lunches if you sign up for all three classes. The classes are in Penasco NM east of Dixon, between Espanola and Taos. We will send you directions and how to dress for the class.

Send inquiries or reserve your space in the classes with a check to Les Crowder, PO Box 444, Dixon NM, 87527 or call Les Crowder or Heather Harrell at (575) 587-2065.