

For More Information on the 2008 Apiculture Institute, Fill in the Information Below and Send To

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Level of Interest (Circle One): Worker (limited to 8 students; \$50.00) Queen (\$50.00) Drone (\$50.00)

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Harris Byers is an instructor for the Urban Apiculture Institute and has been keeping bees in semi-urban areas for 8 years. Mr. Byers has a MS in Agronomy from the University of Georgia and is currently conducting research on the viability of low-input integrated pest management as a long-term solution for pest management in urban beekeeping

Linda Reynolds is an instructor for the Urban Apiculture Institute. Ms. Reynolds is a Master Naturalist and a Master Gardener since 1989 and joined the Cooperative Extension Service in 1992 where she has worked on facilitating the Urban Agriculture Accessibility Gardening program. She has been keeping bees in Milwaukee since 2007 and is an active member of the Milwaukee-Waukesha County and Racine-Kenosha Beekeepers Associations.

Dennis Lukaszewski is the Director of the Urban Apiculture Institute. Dennis Lukaszewski a Registered Landscape Architect, has served as Coordinator of the Urban Agriculture Program for the University of Wisconsin Extension in Milwaukee County since 1989. Mr. Lukaszewski is the Co-administrator for the Food & Ecosystem Demonstration Sites (FEEDS) program in Milwaukee County, which program links individuals involved in common ground gardening projects together to share research and resources.

The mission of Milwaukee County UW-Extension is connecting people to university knowledge they can use.

**University of Wisconsin
 Cooperative Extension Service
 Urban Apiculture Institute
 Master Beekeeper Program**



The mission of the Urban Apiculture Institute is to promote honey bees and healthy beekeeping practices in Milwaukee County. We aim to train beekeepers in practical, successful, and responsible urban beekeeping practices and foster closer relationships among beekeepers. Furthermore, we seek to educate the general public about the benefits of bees to our environment, the wonderful products of the hive, and to increase their fascination with the insect we love so much by providing a link between university knowledge and the citizens of Milwaukee County.



2008 Master Beekeeping Program Participation Levels

Worker

At the Worker level, students will first participate in a series of classroom activities geared towards the beginning beekeeper. Classroom activities will introduce students to theoretical knowledge of beekeeping. Activities will include lecture, group discussion, and independent study. Preparations for hands-on activities will take place during this time and will include the assembly of equipment and equipment manipulation.

Starting in early spring, students participating at the Worker level will participate in bi-weekly hands-on training at the UWEX Apiary to be located at the Milwaukee County Grounds Community Garden. Hands-on activities will give students working knowledge and practice in handling and managing honeybees. Activities will include hive inspection, manipulation, and management for honey production.

Students participating at the Worker level will be required to provide a minimal amount of personal equipment including:

- Veil (or bee suit) and Gloves
- Hive Tool
- Smoker

In the fall, students will be given the opportunity to take an examination to become Certified Beekeepers. Certified Beekeepers will be invited to participate in an advanced beekeeping program in 2009.

Tuition for the Worker program is \$50.00, and due to size limitations, the Worker program will be limited to eight students in 2008. Checks should be made out UW Extension Milwaukee County.

Queen

At the Queen level, students participate in the same activities as those at the Worker level, but are given the opportunity to purchase their hive and take it home at the conclusion of the honey season. Participants should be aware that some municipalities in Southeastern Wisconsin do not allow honeybees to be kept within their municipal limits; therefore, students should check this out before committing to this level of participation. Tuition for the Queen program is \$50.00. Checks should be made out UW Extension Milwaukee County.

Drone

At the Drone level, participants are invited to join in class room activities and are invited to observe hands-on activities and hive inspection activities in the apiary from a distance. Participants will be invited to assist with the honey harvest and participate in field trips. A list participation dates will be posted at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/milwaukee/>. Tuition for the Drone program is \$50.00. Checks should be made out UW Extension Milwaukee County .



Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the start date of the program. Please contact the UW Extension Milwaukee County office at 414-290-2400.

2008 Program Schedule

Classroom Activities:

Students participating at all program levels are invited to participate in classroom activities. Classroom activities will begin on March 15 and will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 am in Room 207 (Fireside Room) at the UWEX-Milwaukee office on the following dates:

- March 15, 2008 - Introduction to Honeybees
- March 22, 2008 - Hive Management Techniques
- April 5, 2008 - Honeybee Pests
- April 12, 2008 - Beekeeping Equipment

Hands-On Activities:

Hands-on beekeeping activities at the UWEX Apiary at the Firefly Ridge Community Garden in Wauwatosa and will begin when the bees arrive, which is typically between April 12 and May 3. Hands-on activities will take place weekly through the middle of May and bi-weekly from May through October. Due to size limitations, direct hands-on activities will be limited to the eight participating at the Worker/Queen levels. Students participating at the Drone level are invited to observe hands-on activities and hive inspection activities in the apiary from a distance. A list of hands-on activities will be posted at:

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Field Trips

Field trips may include visits to apiaries at the Milwaukee/Waukesha County Beekeeping Club, Michael Fields, and/or Growing Power. Field trip dates have not been finalized.

