

BASIC BEEKEEPING PRINCIPLES FOR BEGINNERS
Snoqualmie Valley Beekeepers Monthly Beginners Sessions

Potential topics

FEBRUARY

- Checking the Health of the Overwintered Colony
 - Externally – Pollen & Weight
 - Internally – Stores & Cluster
 - Cleaning – Bottom Board
- Preparing for the Coming Spring
 - Feeding, if necessary
 - Ordering Bees and Equipment
 - Assembling Equipment
 - Taking Beekeeping Classes

MARCH

- Spring Management
 - Honey and Pollen vs. Starvation
 - Feeding for Survival
 - Feeding for Stimulation

APRIL

- Weather Problems & Early Nectar Flows
- Swarm Management
- Package Installation

MAY

- Queens
- Requeening
- Splits

JUNE

- Hive Checks and Supering
 - Nectar Flows
- Nectar Sources
- Pollen – Sources and Collecting
- Migratory Beekeeping

JULY

- Honey Production
 - Harvesting
 - Extracting

AUGUST

Starting Fall & Winter Preparations

Feeding

Preliminary Preparation of Hive for Wintering

SEPTEMBER

Fall & Winter Management

Equipment

Location

Honey & Pollen Stores

Ventilation and Moisture Control

OCTOBER

Honey

Packaging

Selling

Judging

Wax and Candles

Other Hive Products

NOVEMBER

Honey in Cooking

Cleaning Equipment

Wax Moths