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Introduction to the Art and Craft of Beekeeping workshop series offered by DDA

The Delaware Department of Agriculture invites the public to participate in a three workshop series that will provide an introduction to the art and craft of beekeeping. All workshops will be held at the Redden State Forest Education facility 18074 Redden Forest Drive, approximately four miles north of Georgetown, Delaware, just off of Rt. 113. Workshop dates and times are:

- October 20, 2010 – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
- November 17, 2010 – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
- December 8, 2010 – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

There is no charge for participation, however, **pre-registration is required** on or before **October 15, 2010**, because space is limited. To register, please contact Robert Mitchell, State Apiarist:
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The lectures and demonstrations will provide an excellent opportunity for individuals interested in beginning beekeeping, gardening, or involved in Scouting, 4-H, Home School or related activities. Presenters will include Eastern Apiculture Society Master Beekeeper Dean Burroughs, State Apiarist, Robert Mitchell, DDA Entomologist/Plant Pathologist Jeffrey Brothers, 4-H Beekeeping project manager Deborah Goerger. **Please note:** Some topics may be subject to change due to speaker availability.

<u>Session 1</u> (October 20 th)	<u>Session 2</u> (November 17 th)	<u>Session 3</u> (December 8 th)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a beekeeper and why keep bees? • The beekeeping industry in Delaware. • Beekeeping equipment basics, hive manipulation, and handling bees safely • Q & A session. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honey bee biology • Selecting and obtaining bee stock • Apiary site selection • More equipment basics • Q & A session. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bees and flowers (bee and flower interaction) • Identifying plants important to bees • Honey bee nutrition and supplemental feeding of bee colonies. • Pests and Parasites of honey bees • Q & A session.

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