

IEBA Journeyman Program

The Journeyman Certification has the following goals:

- Increase breadth and depth of knowledge of bees and beekeeping.
- Ability to mentor and teach other beekeepers.
- Able to give presentations to groups of both beekeepers and non-beekeepers on beekeeping.
- Contributes service to the beekeeping community.

Other Journeyman Certifications have not been very successful in the past, and WMB (Washington Master Beekeepers) feels strongly that a more grass-roots approach to developing the Journeyman requirements is the way to go. IEBA (Inland Empire Beekeepers Association) is testing a whole new approach. We will be using your hives and the IEBA hives to meet the goals of our program. We will be doing training on the IEBA package hives during the off weekends when they are not being used by the beginning bee class and working the hives on Mt Spokane. During our first class session we will develop a hive management plan for the IEBA hives, review the tasks required and review the advanced hive inspection form. The rest of the program will be a queen rearing class and a class on raising comb honey, pollen and propolis. You will each be required to rear a nuc from queen cell to laying queen. You will be required to enter into one of our state fairs exhibits of live bees, honey, pollen or propolis.

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Specific Objectives:

- Develop and implement your own Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program.
- Develop a Hive management plan and implement it for one year
- Demonstrate hive and bee yard management Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.
- Demonstrate knowledge of splits, and combines.
- Demonstrate knowledge of queen rearing and requeening and rearing a queen from cell to laying queen.
- Maintain a detailed colony inspection log for one or more hives

- Demonstrate raising comb honey, pollen or propolis
- Develop a presentation on a topic of choice or enter educational display in one of our state fairs.

Prerequisites:

- Must be a certified Apprentice Beekeeper from an approved program
- Must have 3 summers experience as a Beekeeper
- Must be a member of a local beekeeping association.

Requirements – 200 points from the following (R specifies required):

- Attend a Journeyman Class – 40pts.
- Enter a hive product in an interstate/state/county fair – 10pts each
- Enter an educational display at a fair – 10pts
- Produce comb honey – 10pts
- R- Raise a queen from eggs/larva to mated laying queen – 20 pts
- R - Harvest pollen using Pollen trap or Propolis using Propolis trap – 10pts each
- R – Teach one subject of interest at a local beekeeping meeting concerning bees - 10pts
- R – Work local Association summer hive 3 times – 10pts each
- R – Keep a journal for 1 year – 10pts
- R – Develop a pest management (IPM) program for your apiary – 10pts
- R – Develop a hive management plan – 10 pts
- Split or combine a colony – 10pts
- R – Overwinter a colony – 10pts
- Produce a colony capable of overwintering on foundationless frames – 10pts
- Produce a colony capable of overwintering in a top-bar hive – 10pts
- Produce a nuc to requeen a hive – 10pts
- Catch a swarm and raise the colony to be capable of overwintering – 10pts
- Perform a cut-out and raise the colony to be capable of overwintering – 10pts

Service Hours: must do 5 instances from the list below. No more than 2 for each item.

- Work a shift at a club booth at state fair.
- Serve as a judge at a fair.
- Give a presentation on beekeeping to a group of non-beekeepers.
- Give a presentation at one of our Club meetings
- Give a presentation at one of our youth farm days
- Assist in maintaining the IEBA summer bee hives
- Mentor a new beekeeper for the summer
- Serve as an officer or committee member in a Beekeeping organization
- Assist in a 4H or other youth program.
- Teach a class on beekeeping
- Provide one-on-one instruction to a group of beekeepers
- Publish an article in a newsletter or beekeeping journal or post to our web site.