

Please Note:

It is recommended that you NOT order bees or purchase any beekeeping equipment prior to your February all-day classroom session.

Part of the class session includes discussion about the different types of bees and equipment available for beekeeping.



This beekeeping course intends to have 80% of the instruction be held outside during the Field Days. Bee suits are required by the package installation demonstration day on April 18, 2026.



Plan on investing approximately \$600 for a bee suit, necessary tools, and equipment for one beehive.



Class Format

The 2026 Apprentice Beekeeping Class will be in person at WSU Spokane County Extension, 222 N Havana St. in Spokane, Washington. Due to classroom space limitations, only those registered may attend.

Class Materials Provided

Students will receive their class materials in the classroom.

- Apprentice Beekeeping Syllabus
- The Bee Book - reference manual for apprentice level beekeepers
- Materials for apprentice certification



Refund & Cancellation Policy

Registration is complete when your form and your payment have been received. When full payment has been received, you will be emailed a confirmation. All cancellations must be in writing (email is acceptable):

- Cancellations requested 45 days prior to the first class date will receive a full refund, minus a \$15 administration fee.
- Cancellations requested 44-10 days prior to first class date will receive a 50% refund.
- Cancellations 9 days or less before the class, receive No Refunds.
- "No-Shows" will not receive a refund.



2026 APPRENTICE BEEKEEPING CLASS

Sponsored by:

WSU Spokane County Extension in
cooperation with Inland Empire
Beekeepers Association



WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
SPOKANE COUNTY EXTENSION

Registration Form

Class registration is \$70 per person

There is no age limit, however, small children are discouraged because of class disruption.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

☐ February 14, 2026 ☐ February 28, 2026

Number Attending _____ **x \$70=** _____ **Total Fee**

Please make check or money order payable to WSU Extension

Register by Mail:

Mail to: Beekeeping Class
222 N. Havana St
Spokane, WA 99202-4799

Register in Person:

DELIVER TO:
222 N. Havana St

Register Online:

SimpleTix
<https://wsuspanecountyextension.simplertix.com/w/863>



2026 Class Dates

One-day classroom instruction choice

February 14, 2026 (9am-4pm)

OR

February 28, 2026 (9am-4pm)

Once you've received your in-classroom instructions, there will be a package installation demonstration on April 18, 2026, and two recommended in-person Field Days as part of your training.

The Field Day dates are:

May 9, 2026 10AM-Noon
May 30, 2026 10AM-Noon

Field Day times will be 10am until noon.

Attendance at the Field Days is recommended for certification!

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodation need to contact Spokane County Extension at 222 N Havana, Spokane, WA 99202; (509) 477-2160 at least two weeks prior to the beginning of class.

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Topics Covered

The Honey Bee & Her Products
Beekeeping Equipment
Making a Start in Beekeeping
Life in the Honey Bee Colony
Spring Management
Swarming
Summer Management
Diseases & Pests

Class sessions will be taught by experienced Inland Empire Beekeepers Association members and special invited instructors.

This class is:

- open to anyone interested in becoming a beekeeper,
- required to keep bees in the City of Spokane, and
- review and affirmation for those already involved in the art and science of beekeeping.

For more information, contact:

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