

You Too Can Become an Anson Beekeeper

Anson Cooperative Extension will be hosting four evening classes devoted to Introductory Beekeeping. Classes will be held February 27, March 2, March 13, and March 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The curriculum targets participants with little to no beekeeping experience and introduces aspiring hobbyists to honey bee biology, seasonal hive management, tools, protective equipment, pests, diseases, and opportunities for lifelong continuing education at the local and state levels.

Many pollinators are in decline due to habitat loss, disease, and pesticides. Why should this matter to the average person? We all like to eat! Besides being the producer of honey, the role of honey bees as pollinators is crucial to the success of North Carolina's \$96 billion fruit and vegetable industry. Up to one-third of the food we eat can be directly attributed to the work of pollinators. A short list of honey bee crops includes cucumbers, watermelons, berries, squash, okra, persimmon, strawberry, peach, blackberry, and even cotton, which most of us are wearing today. And there are many other pollinators; wasps, beetles, flies, solitary bees, bumblebees, bats, and hummingbirds that also contribute in that role.

Nationwide, honey bee hive numbers have been falling, from 180,000 hives 30 years ago, to only about 100,000 today. Even so, North Carolina has more beekeeper hobbyists than any other state. Startup cost is under \$1,000. The school is \$30 per person, or \$45 per couple. Classes will be taught at Anson Cooperative Extension, with instructors from Extension, Anson Beekeepers Association, and NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. A special thank you goes to the Anson Beekeepers Association for sponsoring this program. Participants must pre-register. Space is limited. Please contact Aimee Colf at aimee_colf@ncsu.edu or at 704-694-2415 for more information.

Attending a beginner's class is a great way to look before you leap into this buzz worthy, home-scale, ag-venture.

Anson County Parks and Recreation Youth Tackle Football 2017 Registration

Registration for Anson County Parks & Recreation Youth Tackle Football begins on Wednesday, March 1, and will continue through the deadline of Friday, July 21. You may register by coming to the Parks & Recreation Offices at Little Park Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. A copy of a sports physical and birth certificate are also due by July 21.

Parks & Recreation will have registration for grades 3 & 4 and 5 & 6. If enough children sign up in these selected grades, Parks & Rec will host its own league. In the event there are only enough for one team, Parks & Rec will abide by the rules listed below.

- A player is eligible to compete in Division I if he/she does not turn 8 years of age on or before November 1, 2016. A player is eligible to compete in Division I if he/she does not turn 10 years of age on or before May 1, 2017. No Exceptions!
- A player is eligible to compete in Division II if he/she turns 10 years of age on or before November 1, 2016. A player is eligible to compete in Division II if he/she does not turn 12 years of age on or before May 1, 2017. No Exceptions!


For more information contact Jeff Waisner at 704-695-2550, Wendell Small at 704-695-2782 or Morris Gatewood at 704-694-5751.

Registration will be also be held at the following locations, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.:

- Tuesday, May 16 at Wadesboro Elementary Gym
- Wednesday, May 17 at Wadesboro Primary School
- Thursday, May 18 at Peachland Polkton Elementary
- Tuesday, May 23 at Ansonville Elementary
- Wednesday, May 24 at Lilesville Elementary Ball Field
- Thursday, May 25 at Morven Elementary

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