

21st Annual Beekeepers Field Day at the USDA Honey Bee Lab in Baton Rouge

The USDA Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and Physiology Laboratory and the Louisiana State Beekeepers Association will hold the 21st Annual Field Day on Saturday, October 21, 2017. The event will be held at the laboratory, located at 1157 Ben Hur Rd, Baton Rouge LA 70820. This is near the intersection of Nicholson Drive (Hwy 30) and Brightside Dr., which is about two miles south of the LSU football stadium.

Gates will open at 9:30 a.m. with presentations and activities scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Field Day will include a series of talks in the morning from members of the Louisiana Beekeepers Association and the USDA-ARS staff about Louisiana beekeeping and research being conducted at USDA lab. The afternoon features break-out sessions for beginners and more experienced beekeepers. The beginning beekeeper course is directed to those who have little to no beekeeping experience. Topics will include basic bee biology as well as necessary beekeeping equipment and management techniques. A question and answer session precedes a practical demonstration in honey bee colonies. The intermediate beekeeping course is focused on the beekeeper with a moderate amount of experience that is now ready to take it to the next level. Topics will include making splits, swarm catching, monitoring techniques and treatment options for Varroa mites and small hive beetle, followed by a final field session examining open colonies. This session will address the major problems in colony health and include discussion and guidance on the primary pests and pathogens affecting honey bee colonies. There will be also be a 2-hour focused workshop on selective breeding followed by a final session on queen rearing techniques.

A nonrefundable pre-registration fee of \$30.00 is required for each attendee 12 years of age and above. Pre-registration for children 11 and under is \$15.00 and they must stay with their parents at all times. Pre-registration will open August 15, 2017 and close September 30, 2017. It will be available at this website (www.labeekeepers.org/field-day).

For additional information please visit labeekeepers.org or contact Dr. Frank Rinkevich (225) 276-3998 or frank.rinkevich@ars.usda.gov, Sandra Hineman (225-767-9280) or Joe Sanroma (318-346-2805). For questions regarding online registration, Jennifer Brown (601-493-3447).

2017 Field Day Mail-In Pre-Registration Form

Must be post marked by September 30, 2017

Please fill out registration form and mail it with your payment made out to **Louisiana Beekeeping Association**

To: **Beth Derr, Treasurer, 210 Meadowlark Dr., Jefferson, TX 75657**

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