

Alamo Area Beekeepers Association Field Day 2019
Beekeeping Hill Country Style

Saturday, May 4, 2019 – 9 AM-1PM
Schreiner University
(Robbins Lewis Pavilion)
2100 Memorial Blvd, Kerrville, TX 78028

Theme – Beekeeping “Hill Country Style.”

What do you get when you mix Hot Dogs, Salad, Homemade_Pies (and other desserts) and Beekeepers – A PARTY!

Field Day in 2019 will be hosted by the Alamo Area Beekeepers Association (AABA).

Cost. The Alamo Area Beekeepers Association (AABA) underwrites the cost of Field Day. Our goal is to educate people about honeybees. Product sales of honey each year support the AABA Youth Beekeeping Scholarship Program. Donations are gratefully accepted. Each Field Day we have a Raffle (tickets for the raffle - \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00). Beekeeping suppliers have generously donated items for our raffle so please buy tickets and help support our outreach educational programs in the Texas Hill Country. Vendors contributing items for our raffle are recognized each time a donation is awarded. Attendees are encouraged to support our beekeeping vendors.

Vendors have generously provided bee-related equipment, books and other products for the Field Day raffle in past years and we hope that they will do so again this year. Each vendor will be recognized when the raffle drawing and door prizes are awarded during the break for lunch (12 Noon-1:00 PM). In addition, the AABA will donate additional door prizes.

Directions to Schreiner University and Campus Map

Attached is a map of Schreiner U. and here is a link to the online interactive map. <http://schreiner.edu/campus-info/campus-tour/index.aspx>

Main entrance address is 2100 Memorial Blvd, Kerrville, TX 78028. From Memorial Blvd, take a left on Acorn Blvd and proceed to Westminister Blvd to

drop off passengers. Look for The Robbins Lewis Pavilion (#15 on the Schreiner University map). The Pavilion and the large field to the south and west will be our primary activity area.

Booths and Bee Vendors will have assigned areas.

Parking for Visitors and Bee Vendors

Visitor Parking will be in Lot C. Lot C is a short distance from the Robbins Lewis Pavilion, however, those with difficulty walking can park along Westminister Blvd.

Bee Vendors will stage and have pick up at the cul-de-sac at the end of Westminister Blvd.

For further information please contact Rick Fink banderabees@gmail.com or Don Fraser texmanbees@gmail.com or Ryan Caesar at Schreiner University rmcaesar@schreiner.edu

Directions and signage will be posted on the Schreiner University campus. Beekeeping volunteers from the Alamo Area Beekeepers will be arriving from 7:30-8:30 AM to set up the booths. They will be bringing pop-up tents, beekeeping equipment, food etc.

Remember to bring a folding chair, hat, sunscreen.

Visitors - Arrival Time. Please plan to arrive between 8 AM-8:30 AM (or earlier). Please sign in at the Registration Booth.

Meeting Agenda (submitted by Don Fraser, VP AABA)

Booths will be in the The Robbins Lewis Pavilion. Presentations will be under the trees beside the Pavilion. In the event of rain, the presentations will be moved under cover in the Pavilion.

Time	Topic – Presentations (AM)
9:00-9:15 AM	President’s Welcome & Visitors Intro by Rick Fink (5 min)
9:15-9:30 AM	The Bee Buzz – AABA Queen (Perrin Shell) and Catherine Hardy (Queen Program)
9:30 – 10:15 AM	Feeding Your Bees – A KEY to Keeping Your Bees Alive – Dave Grinnan
10:15 -10:45 AM	Swarm Control: Anticipate, Monitor and Options – Ed Priest
10:45-11:15 AM	Hive Inspection: Key Points - Rick Fink
11:15- 11:45 AM	Cooling Down a “Hot Hive” – Rick Fink
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM	Nuc Pickup – Pre-Purchase Questions and Pickup Checklist – Linda Williams
9AM-12 Noon	Booths
	Beekeeping – Property Tax Special Valuation in Texas aka “Ag Exemption”
	How to Make a “Natural Body Lotion” – Patricia McBurney. Note. Handcrafted soaps made with honey, lotion, bug repellents, and infused oils will be for sale.
	Varroa Mite – Monitoring/Sampling and Assessment – Linda Williams
	Honey Harvest – Tips and Techniques – (Display Table)
	Insecticides & Herbicides – Health Risk to Honeybees and Native Bees – (Display Table)
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch Raffle and Vendor Recognition

Lunch. The AABA will supply the main course (hot dogs, buns, and condiments) for the lunch meal. Beekeepers and visitors are encouraged to bring a covered dish, vegetables, salad & salad dressing, chips, dessert. BEE creative...beekeepers love to eat. If you are a vegetarian or gluten-sensitive please plan accordingly. If you do bring a vegetarian or gluten-free food item please label it – “Gluten Free.” If the food needs to be kept chilled please keep the food in an ice chest prior to the meal.

At the present time, the following bee vendors will be bringing queens, nucs, hives, tools, clothing, woodenware, honey etc.

Alphabetical Order;

- Bear Creek Apiaries (Steve Brackmann, Alvin, TX)*
- Borotrager Apiaries (David Borotrager, Beeville, TX)*
- Eight Mile Honey (Jim Willingham)*
- Hive Tools – Dave Grinnan*
- The Bee Place (Gary Rankin, San Antonio, TX)

(* Confirmed Attendance as of May 8, 2019)

If you plan to pick up bees you should have pre-ordered with your bee vendor. Most vendors will bring extra queen and nucs but those will be sold on a first come basis. Please let Rick Fink know if you plan to bring additional queen, nucs or hives for sale in addition to pre-ordered items.

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Honey Sales, Equipment & Bee Clothing – Sale and Swap (Clothing, Tools and Equipment). Only bee-related items - no kitchen sinks or old cars please; if in doubt please ask. Vendors welcome. Please contact Rick Fink (banderabees@gmail.com) if you plan to set up a booth for the sale of items at least 48 hours in advance to reserve a spot to set up your booth. **Please keep bees in the designated bee yard – not at your vendor booth.**

Schreiner University student volunteers will be available to help.

Raffle & Door Prizes

- Tickets for the raffle - \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00
- Door Prizes – eligible – sign in desk w/ contact info

Questions regarding the 2018 AABA Youth Scholarship Program & Mentor Matching. Direct your questions and applications to Rick Fink (Alamo Area Beekeepers Assoc.)

Contact Information – For Any Questions before, during or after Field Day 2018, please contact: Rick Fink President AABA banderabees@gmail.com, Don Fraser VP AABA – texmanbees@gmail.com, Richard Trevino Jr Treasurer and Membership AABA ratrevinojr@yahoo.com or Lolita Bader Secretary/Queen Program lolitabader@gmail.com.

Contact Joe Bader, Fredericksburg Area

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