

# The NC Master Beekeeper Program (MBP)

Summary of Talk 2/4/13 By BCBC Education Secretary Janet Peterson

Here are instructions for how you, as a club member, can get recognition for your beekeeping knowledge accomplishments, focusing on the first two levels. For additional information, view the document posted on [www.wncbees.org](http://www.wncbees.org) under "About Us" and Chapter Documents.

## Ready for Beginner Certified Status?

- ✿ Join the NCSBA (\$15), Local (\$10)
- ✿ Participate in a bee school
- ✿ Gain experience (Suggest with a mentor at the CHBR Center for Honey Bee Research)
- ✿ Take a 30 question **written test** of multiple choice given:
  - ✿ At the Spring NC/SC Bee meeting on March 1-2, 2013 in Rock Hill, SC
  - ✿ At Extension Office on 94 Coxe Ave. Asheville April 2 from 2-8 PM  
email Janet the time you can come (see "About Us" for email)
  - ✿ At the Summer NCSBA meeting in Pinehurst, July 11-13, 2013
  - ✿ By special arrangement with a Master Beekeeper

Requires a **practical, inside-the-hive test** (June 8, Saturday at our 4-H field day)

## Ready for Journeyman Status?

5 Service credit hours Complete a Public Service Form (print out from website and send to PO Box 785 Asheville, NC 28804 OR scan and send to Janet by email.

- ✿ Be a practicing beekeeper for 2+years
- ✿ Written and practical test taken at Spring or Summer NCSBA meetings
- ✿ \$10 fee assessed by NCSBA

Here are some ideas for credits:

- A. Programs on beekeeping and related topics to non-beekeeping groups
- B. Programs on beekeeping and related topics to school groups
- C. Publication of beekeeping and related topic articles in journals, newsletters
- D. Serving as an officer/director of a county/local beekeeping organization
- E. Construction of an exhibit or working at a beekeeping exhibit open to the public

**Practical Exam**, the beekeeper may select from 5 topics and must pass 4 of them. This is done with an examiner. See longer document for details.

**Contact:** Education Secretary, Janet Peterson or Regional Director, Steve Langefeld for questions