

81st Annual American Beekeeping Federation Program Schedule

Tuesday January 9, 2024

8 am to 11 am ABF Board of Directors Meeting
(Bacchus)

8 am to 5 pm AIA Meeting
(Balcony L)

11:30 am to 12:30 pm ABF Education Committee Meeting
(Balcony N)

11:30 am to 12:30 pm ABF Membership Committee Meeting
(Balcony J)

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm ABF Marketing Committee Meeting
(Balcony J)

1 pm - 6 pm Vendor Move In
(Carondelet & Bissonet)

1 pm to 2 pm ABF Research Committee Meeting
(Balcony K)

2 pm to 3 pm ABF Legislative Committee Meeting
(Balcony J)

3 pm to 4 pm ABF Resolutions
(Balcony J)

3 pm to 5 pm American Honey Queen Program Committee Meeting
(Balcony N)

3 pm to 7 pm Conference Check In
Acadia Foyer

4 pm to 5 pm Executive Committee Meeting
(Bacchus)

5 pm to 7 pm Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees
Board of Trustees Meeting
(Balcony K)

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Dinner and Social
(Acadia)

7:30 pm to 9:30 pm Video on Commercial Operations
(Acadia)

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Wednesday January 10, 2024

8 am to 10 am Honey Show Entry Drop Off
(Balcony M-N)

8 am to 4 pm Auxiliary Auction Item Drop Off
(Balcony I)

7 am to 5 pm Conference Check In
(Acadia Foyer)

8 am to 5 pm AIA Meeting
(Balcony L)

9 am to 5 pm Tradeshow Open
(Carondelet & Bissonet)

8:00 am - 8:20 am Opening Ceremonies
(Acadia)

8:20 am - 8:35 am President's Address - Dan Winter
(Acadia)

8:35 am - Keynote Speaker
Frank Rinkevich
(Acadia)

Times	Commercial, Package Bee & Queen Breeders, Honey Producer & Packers (Acadia)	Sideliner (Salons A - D)	Small Scale (Salons E - H)
9:45 - 10:45	The Latest from Honey Bee Health Coalition	Perspectives from a Master Beekeeping Program	Entering Products in a Honey Show
Presenter	Matt Mulica	Kathy Clay	Mark Fiegl
10:45 - 11:00	Snack Break in Carondelet & Bissonet		
11:00 - 11:30	National Honey Board Update (Acadia)		
11:30 - 11:40	Introduction of the 2023 American Honey Queen and Princess and the 2024 American Honey Queen Candidates (Acadia)		
11:40 - 12:00	Fran Boyd - Government Relations Update (Acadia)		
12:00 - 1:15	Lunch Break		
12:00 - 1:15	State Delegates Luncheon (invitation only) (Riverview 1 & Prefunction)		

1:15 - 2:15	Plenary Session Moderated by Jay Miller Panel Discussion with Bee Hero (Acadia)		
2:15 - 3:15	Pollination contracts between grower and beekeeper	Breeding the Bee that Bites the Mite	Thoughtful, Deliberate Colony Inspection
Presenter	Dan Winter	Krispn Given	Kathy Clay
3:15 - 3:30	Snack Break in Carondelet & Bissonet		
3:30 - 4:30	Commercial Scale Queen and Queen Cell Production	Promoting Hive Growth	Seasonal Management
Presenter	Amanda Wooten	Shelby Kittle	Joe Komperda
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm New Member Orientation ABF Board of Directors (Acadia)			
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Dinner (Carondelet)			
7 pm to 8 pm Ice Cream Social (Carondelet)			
7 pm Beekeeping Brain Buster Entertainment and Live Auction (Carondelet)			

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Thursday January 11, 2024

7 am to 5 pm Conference Check In
(Acadia Foyer)

8 am to 4 pm Auxiliary Auction Item Holding
(Balcony I)

8 am to 5 pm NHPDA Meetings
(Balcony N)

8 am to 5 pm ABRC Meetings
(Balcony J-K)

8 am to 5 pm AIA Meeting
(Balcony L)

9 am to 5 pm Tradeshow Open
(Carondelet & Bissonet)

7:30 am to 10:15 am All Silent Auction Tables Open
(Carondelet & Bissonet)

9:00 am - noon Kids and Bees
(Balcony L & M)

8:00 am - 8:05 am Announcements
(Acadia)

8:05 am - Plenary Session
Dr. Samuel Ramsey
(Acadia)

9:05 am - PAm
Danielle Downey
(Acadia)

Times	Commercial, Package Bee & Queen Breeders, Honey Producer & Packers (Acadia)	Sideline (Salons A - D)	Small Scale (Salons E - H)
9:45 - 10:45	Panel Discussion on H2A Moderated by Joan Gunter	How To Become a Commercial Beekeeper	Beekeeping with Disabilities
Presenter		Blake Shook	Frank Linton
9:45 - 12:00	Honey Show Judging Training Rick Sutton, Jim Belli (Bacchus)		

10:45 - 11:00	Snack Break in Carondelet & Bissonet		
11:00 - 12:00	Nucs, Packages or Honey Production	Plants that can Provide Nectar to Produce Honey with High Medical Potential	Programs and Resources for Beekeepers
Presenter	Tim Wilbanks	Dr. Ozturk	Ana Heck
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch Break		
12:00 - 1:30	Axiliary Luncheon (ticket required) (Riverview 1 & Prefunction)		
1:00 - 2:00	Encaustic Painting Setup Only George Hansen (Regent)		
2:00 - 5:00	Science Policy and Advocacy Training for Beekeepers Dr. Judy Wu-Smart (Bacchus)		
1:30 - 1:45	SIG Elections	SIG Elections	
1:45 - 2:30	Winter Sheds: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly	What to Know for a Beekeeping Business	Chemical and Non-Chemical Approaches to Small Hive Beetle Control
Presenter	Dr. Medhat Nasr	Niki Canotas	Cameron Jack
2:00 - 5:00	Encaustic Painting George Hansen (Regent)		
2:30 - 3:15	Evaluating the Effectiveness of Prophylactic Nosema Treatment in Commercial Beekeeping Operations	Value Added Products from the Hive for Health and Wealth	Open Question Panel for New Beekeepers
Presenter	Anne Marie Fauvel	Deborah Klughers	Dr. Garrett Slater, Ana Heck
3:15 - 3:30	Snack Break in Carondelet & Bissonet		
3:30 pm - Plenary Session Panel Discussion: Who Does/Should ABF Represent Moderator - Dave Hackenberg with 1 Commercial, 1 Sideliner, 1 Small Scale (Acadia)			
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm House of Blues (ticket required)			

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Friday January 12, 2024

7 am to 1 pm Conference Check In
(Acadia Foyer)

9 am to 3 pm Tradeshow Open
(Carondelet & Bissonet)

8 am to 5 pm ABRC Meetings
(Balcony J+K)

7:30 am to 10:15 am All Silent Auction Tables Open
(Carondelet & Bissonet)

8:00 am - 8:15 am Announcements

8:15 am - Plenary Session
Science Discussion - Moderated by Frank Rinkevich
Dr. Garrett Slater, Dr. Mike Strain, Dr. Katie Lee
(Acadia)

9:30 - 10:30

ABF Business Meeting
(Acadia)

Beginning
Beekeeping Classes
(Balcony L & M)

Forklift
Certification

10:30 to 1:30

Honey Auction

(English or Spanish)

12:00 - 1:30

Lunch Break

12:00 - 1:30

Foundation Luncheon (ticket required)
(Riverview 1 & Prefunction)

1:30 - 3:30

ABF Board of Directors Meeting
(Bacchus)

Times

Commercial, Package Bee &
Queen Breeders, Honey
Producer & Packers
(Acadia)

Sideliner

(Salons A - D)

Small Scale

(Salons E - H)

1:30 - 2:30

Overwintering Queens in Bank
Colonies

Quality Queens:
Tips and Tricks

Apriary Delight: How
Beekeeping Apps are Creating
a Buzz in the Industry

Presenter

Ellen Topitzhofer

Tucka Saville

Erica Shelley

2:30 - 3:00

Snack Break in Carondelet & Bissonet

3:00 - 4:00

The Many Facets of Honey Bee
Nutrition

Selecting for Disease and
Varroa Resistance In Your Own
Bees

Collecting Pollen: How and
What To Do After

Presenter

Priya Chakrabarti Basu

Michael Simone-Finstrom

Mike and Debbie Seib

6 pm to 9 pm ABF Banquet
Presidents Award
Innovative Product Award
Passing of the Torch
Sweepstakes
Live Auction
Other Auctions
Quilt Sweepstakes
Coronation of the 2024 Honey Queen & Princess
(Acadia)

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Saturday January 13, 2024

7 am to 10 am

Commercial Breakfast, Speakers

Wes Card, President LA Beekeepers Association

Izzy Hill, USDA Honey Bee and Pollinator Research Coordinator

(ticket required)

8 am to 4 pm (bus 1)

10:30 to 4 pm (bus 2)

USDA Baton Rouge Bee Lab Tour

(ticket required)