



January 5-9, 2016



Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa

Ponte Vedra Beach (Jacksonville), FL



Registration is now open for the 2016 American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) Conference & Tradeshow

Register before October 14, 2015 to receive the early registration discount and save \$100!

www.abfconference.com

The 2016 American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) Conference & Tradeshow will be held in Ponte Vedra Beach (Jacksonville) Florida at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa, January 5-9, 2016. Join us in sunny Florida for Palm Trees & Healthy Bees - where we'll focus on improving bee colony health and sustainability during a challenging time for beekeepers. As always, this conference promises to bring you the most up-to-date information within the beekeeping industry, the latest products and services offered by our many sponsors and exhibitors and fantastic opportunities for you to network with your fellow beekeepers.

We've heard your feedback and we've made a few enhancements to better accommodate your needs. The 2016 ABF conference agenda will feature:

- Top-notch general session presentations all day on Wednesday and Friday
- Vendor tradeshow with the latest and greatest products and services in the beekeeping industry
- Two keynote presentations from industry experts
- Shared Interest Group (SIG) meetings on Thursday for Producer/Packer, Small Scale/Sideliner, Package Bee and Queen Breeder and Commercial groups
- Track session on Thursday for Beginning Beekeepers, Serious Sideliners and Commercial Beekeepers
- ABF Business Meeting on Friday afternoon
- 15 hands-on workshops on Saturday
- 2016 Honey Show
- Various silent and live auctions benefiting the ABF and the American Honey Queen program

Host Hotel – Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa:

The Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa offers 65 acres of lush landscaping, a beautiful lagoon and sunshine galore. The resort combines contemporary accommodations and an amazing selection of dining options with a spa, meeting space and 99 holes of championship golf.

Additionally, the hotel offers an array of amenities including:

- 511 airy hotel rooms, including 21 spacious suites for your pleasure
- One and two-bedroom villas with kitchenettes
- Private balconies that overlook the resort's lovely views
- 100% smoke-free
- Fitness center, Four pools, Sawgrass Spa and Golf
- Complimentary self-parking
- Pets allowed (w/non-refundable deposit)
- Complimentary WIFI in lobby and public areas as well as in-room internet access
- In-room coffee maker/tea service and safes



Reservations for the Sawgrass Marriott: The ABF has negotiated a discounted group rate for conference attendees of \$125.00 per night single/double occupancy plus tax (currently at 16%). **Reservations must be made by Friday, December 11, 2015** or before the group rooms are sold out, so do not delay. Prevailing rates may apply after this date or when the group rooms are sold out, whichever occurs first. All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card for the first night's guestroom rate and tax charge. To secure a room please contact the Sawgrass Marriott Resort by booking online <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/abfconference> or by calling 1.800.457.4653.

Guest Room Reservations Warning: It has been brought to our attention that a Housing Company is contacting ABF members and advising that the conference hotel is almost sold out and that they need to make their reservations with them at that time. **This is not accurate!** No one should, or will be calling you to make your hotel reservations. All reservations can be made directly with the hotel via telephone or online reservation link.

Tradeshow: The 2016 tradeshow is yet another place where you can learn about the latest products and services available to beekeepers. We anticipate more than 60 exhibitors, all anxious to meet with you to show you the latest in beekeeping innovations. The tradeshow will be open Wednesday-Friday of the conference.

Auctions: Live and silent auctions have become a tradition of the conference. A variety of honey and bee-themed items will be available through the auction with all proceeds benefiting the ABF and the American Honey Queen program. Donations for the silent auction will be accepted onsite at the conference.

The 2016 American Honey Show: This will also be held during the conference. This is a prime opportunity to showcase your bees' abilities to produce the purest honey, the best wax and the most goodies. The Honey Show will showcase the best examples of honey and beeswax. It includes twelve classes for honey, five for beeswax (including the new category of Beeswax Art) and the gift basket class. This year's theme is "Fountain of Youth." After the entries are judged, they will be auctioned to benefit the American Honey Queen program.

Thursday Night Event/Dinner: Details coming soon . . . Please check our website for more details in the coming weeks. **Separate registration is required.*

ABF Annual Banquet: The ABF Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday evening. The banquet will feature the coronation of the 2016 American Honey Queen and Princess, as well as the ABF Sweepstakes. **Separate registration is required.*

Register now to ensure your place at the 2016 American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) Conference & Tradeshow.

2016 American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) Conference & Tradeshow (Schedule at a Glance)	
Tuesday, January 5	
All Day:	Committee Meetings
Wednesday, January 6	
Morning:	Opening General Session
Noon:	Tradeshow Opens
	State Delegates Lunch by invitation
Afternoon:	General Session
	ABF New Member Orientation
	Honey Show Judging
Evening:	Welcome Reception w/Live Auction & Entertainment in the Tradeshow
Thursday, January 7	
Morning:	SIG Meetings
Afternoon:	Auxiliary Lunch/Meeting*
	Track Sessions
All Day:	Tradeshow w/Silent Auction
	American Bee Research Conf.
Evening:	Social Activity/Dinner *
Friday, January 8	
Morning:	General Session
	Kids and Bees Program
Noon:	Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees Luncheon *
	Keynote Presentation
	ABF Business Meeting
Afternoon:	Honey Show Live Auction
All Day:	Tradeshow w/Silent Auction
	American Bee Research Conf.
Evening:	Free evening to socialize
Saturday, January 9	
Morning/Afternoon:	Interactive Workshops
Evening:	ABF Annual Banquet *

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You can easily register online at www.abfconference.com or use the registration form included on the following pages. Additional conference details will be posted to the website as they become available.

**2016 American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) Conference & Tradeshow
Registration Form (1 of 2)**

**Please complete and fax to 404.240.0998 or mail to:
ABF, 3525 Piedmont Road, Building 5, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30305
Questions? Please contact the ABF at 404.760.2875 or info@abfnet.org**

Contact Information (please print):

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Prefix (Mr. Mrs. Dr., etc.): _____ Suffix (Jr. PhD., etc.): _____
Company: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____
Preferred Telephone: _____ Cell Number: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Registration Rates:

Please indicate membership in any of the below organizations to receive the Member rate (select all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> American Beekeeping Federation (ABF)
<input type="checkbox"/> Florida State Beekeepers Association
<input type="checkbox"/> National Honey Packers & Dealers Association (NHPDA)

Note: If you are a member of the AIA or AAPA and attending the ABRC, please register through your organization.

Please select the appropriate rate:

Category	Early Registration (by 10/14/2015)		Regular Registration (between 10/15-12/9/2015)	
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
Single Registrant	<input type="checkbox"/> \$235.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$295.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$285.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$345.00
Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$345.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$405.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$395.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$455.00
Single Day Rate – Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130.00
Single Day Rate – Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130.00
Single Day Rate – Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130.00
Single Day Rate – Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130.00
Family Day Rate – Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$145.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$145.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$160.00
Family Day Rate – Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$145.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$145.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$160.00
Family Day Rate – Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$145.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$145.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$160.00
Family Day Rate – Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$145.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$145.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$160.00
Student Rate**	\$25.00 per day (Please contact Valerie Lake at 404.760.2875 or valerielake@abfnet.org to register under this rate.			

Family is defined as 2 adults and any children living in the same household.

If you selected the Family Rate, please indicate your guest's first and last name(s) here:

****Cancellation Policy:** Registration cancellations received in writing on or prior to 12/9/15 will be refunded minus a \$50.00 administrative fee. Registration cancellations received after 12/9/15 will not be refunded.

**2016 American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) Conference & Tradeshow
Registration Form (2 of 2)**

Please indicate any special needs/services or dietary considerations required:

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Telephone #:** _____

How many ABF conferences have you attended in the past?

☐ This is my first ABF conference ☐ 2-4 ☐ 5-10 ☐ 11-15 ☐ 16 or more

Which of the following would best describe your beekeeping operation?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Honey Producer/Pollinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Package Bee and Queen Bee Breeder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honey Producer/Packer | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Scale/Sideline |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Supplier | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Provider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Researcher |

Donations:

Honey Queen Fund	Honey Defense Fund	Legislative Fund	Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees	Friends of the Bee Fund	Research Fund
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00

Optional Activities:

Auxiliary Luncheon Thursday, 1/7/16	Thursday Night Event/Dinner (TBD) Thursday, 1/7/15	Foundation Luncheon Friday, 1/8/15	ABF Annual Banquet Saturday, 1/9/15
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Person - \$47.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Person - \$85	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Person - \$45	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Person - \$75
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 People - \$95	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 People - \$170	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 People - \$90	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 People - \$150

Payment:

Registration Rate:	\$
Donations:	\$
Optional Activities:	\$
Total Due:	\$

<input type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed (made payable to American Beekeeping Federation)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard
<input type="checkbox"/> American Express	

Name (as it appears on credit card): _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Card Holder's Signature: _____