Keeping Honey Bees in the Mat-Su Valley

February 4, 2017 Birchtree Charter School

7107 E. Palmer Wasilla Hwy Palmer, AK 99645

8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Featuring Author and Lecturer Dr. Lawrence Connor, Wicwas Press and Keith Malone Life-long beekeeper from Chugiak, AK

8:30 Registration - Meg Bagetis

9:00 The Basics of Keeping Bees — Lawrence Connor

Annual Cycle of Bees

Queens

Equipment

Getting bees

Getting started with packages or nucs

Setting up a nuc for backup

Winter prep

Problem avoidance

10 Break

10:30 Keeping Bees in the Mat-Su Area — Keith Malone

Setting Up Hives

Timing for the Nectar Flow

Removing Honey

Feeding Bees

Wintering

11:45 Pot-Luck Lunch (Bring something to share)

1 pm Making Money from Bees: Honey and hive products — Lawrence Connor

Honey Options

Beeswax Propolis Selling Product

2 pm Questions and Answers

3 pm Pick up, Clean up

Registration in advance is recommended. The fee is \$90 per person, and includes a copy of Dr. Connor's *Bee-sentials: A Field Guide*. If you have the book, or if family member or friend is attending the class, you may opt for another Wicwas Press title.

Register with:

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