

My Grandpa has been learning how to be a beekeeper and I want to, too. I want to learn how to take care of the bees so I can eat the delicious honey and chew the wax like my dad said he did when he was my age and share it with my friends at school. I have read lots of books about bees and watched some videos about bees. I learned that bees like to live in dark places. The queen bee lives about 3 to 5 years, but the drones only live 20 to 40 days, and the worker bees usually only live about a month during the summer because they work so hard. I know the queen bee lays 2000 small eggs a day and the drones only job is to make baby bees. When the larva spins a cocoon, is that when they build the wax over the top? How will you know if the bees will be worker bees, drones, or the queen bee? I want to see the little baby bees and I want to know if me or my grandpa will have more baby bees. After the larva hatches, how do the bees feed them? Do they feed them beemilk? I know bees don't sweat - why not? I like to do a lot of things with my Grandpa. I love animals, and I want to learn to be a beekeeper with him.

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Utah County Beekeepers Association Bee A Beekeeper Program Application and Contract

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Address where the Bees will be kept: 1770 S 400 E, Springville, UT

Eligibility: The Bee a Beekeeper program is open to any student, grades 3-12 who is currently enrolled in a Utah County or Salt Lake County school (public or private).

Program Rules:

Equipment and Maintenance:

1. Bees, equipment and tools provided must be kept and cared for properly.
2. The participant and the Utah County Beekeepers Association will jointly own the bees, equipment, and tools until the conclusion of the program (one calendar year). At that point, they will become the property of the participant.
3. The participant agrees to pay any additional costs associated with the program.
4. If the participant moves from Utah or Salt Lake County or does not follow the provisions of this contract, they will forfeit their ownership to any bees, equipment or tools supplied by the Utah County Beekeepers Association.
5. The participant hereby acknowledges that the Utah County Beekeepers Association assumes no responsibility for any accident that may occur during my participation in the program.

Academic and Community Service

6. Participants will send a "Thank You" note to their sponsors and a copy of this letter will be provided to the Utah County Beekeepers Association.
7. Participants will supply two letters, i.e. June and October, to their sponsors indicating the progress of their hive. Follow the written requirement format.
8. Participants will supply at least two letters of progress, i.e. June and October, for the year to the Utah County Beekeepers Association. Follow the written requirement format.
9. Participants will attend at least three association meetings throughout the year

(membership to the association is included for the duration of the program).
10. Two public speaking engagements which may include any of the following venues: association meetings, farm field days, county or state fairs, and/or school classrooms. Report given may follow the outline of the written requirement.

This contract is to be properly signed and returned to the Utah County Beekeepers Association by Friday, February 12th, 2010 along with the written portion.

Required Signatures:

Applicant: Dakota Rogers 8

Parent/Guardian: [Signature]