

Last year my brother got an apiary from the Be a Beekeeper program. I attended the beginners class about the bees. Later, when we had installed his bee package, I got to help him with the bees. This, or maybe the class, is what really got me interested in bees.

What I would be watching for this year will be as follows: I will be looking for diseases in my bees; and if there are any, ways to fix them. I will also be looking for parasites. Another thing that I will be looking for in my bees is strange behaviors. Some of these include the bees clumping on the shady side of the hive.

Some of the things I am planning on learning about my bees is that they are not going to sting me if I don't do something wrong. The reason that this popped up was that a few years ago I was attacked by some hornets or wasps and got about a dozen stings. It scared me and I was never able to get over it. I also plan to learn more about their behavioral patterns. I expect to learn more and more about bees as the years go on. Yet another thing that I am planning to learn about the bees is how to take care of them.

During the season I will be using my bees to pollinate the surrounding properties of my house. I also am hoping to be able to learn more about my hive. Some of the things that I will be reporting on will be my bees' doings. That includes disease they might get and other strange behaviors. Some more of the data that I will be reporting will be what I have learned from my bees.

In conclusion I would like to say that I have learned a large amount about bees through my research and would like to learn more. I would also like to have bees so that I could get honey. I thought it would be good to give something back to nature. In taking care of bees I would feel like I was giving something back. To end, I would like to thank all of those people who have made the Be a Beekeeper program possible.