

# The Kermit Holshouser Bee Keeping Project



## 4-H Bee A Beekeeper (4-HBAB) 2023



### Program Rules and Contract

Burke County 4-H is pleased that you are interested in our 4-H Bee A Beekeeper Program: a program designed to mentor students for integration into the local beekeeping culture. The Bee a Beekeeper program is open to any student, ages 8-18 and grades 3-12, who are currently enrolled in a Burke County school (home-school, private or public).

You may be chosen to read your essay to the body of the Burke County Beekeepers Association Members present during a monthly meeting or for a Burke County 4-H program. Representatives of the Burke County 4-H Advisory Action Team will score the top essays according to the grading rubric listed below. *Participants submit their essays and applications via email to [nicki\\_carpenter@ncsu.edu](mailto:nicki_carpenter@ncsu.edu) or by mail: Attn: 4-H BAB, 130 Ammons Drive Suite #2 Morganton, NC 28655* by February 17, 2023.

#### **Bee A Beekeeper Essay Writing Requirements:**

**!! Incorrectly formatted essays will not be considered !! (age appropriate expectations)**

##### **Ages 8-11 :**

Minimum requirements: Topic expository paragraph should be seven to nine sentences long. An introduction sentence, three to five sentences of background research sentences, two sentences for what the participant will be watching, expecting to learn, and reporting to the Association/4-H in the three meetings they will be attending if they win. Closing sentence. Maximum length accepted for this age group, 16 sentences.

##### **Ages 12-15 :**

Minimum requirements: Three paragraph expository essay, each paragraph should be five to nine sentences long. First, an introduction paragraph that gives background research of topic. Second and third paragraphs explain what the participant will be watching, expecting to learn, how they will be using and working the bees during the season, and data they will be tracking to report on to the Association/4-H during the three meetings they will attend during the year. Maximum length accepted for this age group is a five paragraph essay.

##### **Ages 16-18 :**

Minimum requirements: Five paragraph expository essay, each paragraph should be five to twelve sentences long. An introduction paragraph that sets up the essay, one or two background research paragraphs, one or two methods paragraphs of what the participant will be doing with the equipment during the season, what type of data he/she will be collecting, and what they will report to the Association/4-H in the three meetings they will attend during the year, the closing paragraph. Maximum length is a seven paragraph essay.

\* Application sheet and essay are due by February 17, 2023. Winners will be contacted and announced March 3, 2023.





# **The Kermit Holshouser Jr. Beekeeping Project** **4-H Jr. Beekeepers Program Contract**



Each of the winners will receive the following to help them be a successful beekeeper:

- Package of Bees (date & type of honey bee to be determined)
- Hive-build/pick up date will be determined with 4-H Volunteer Mentor to assist
- Assigned Mentor from The Burke Beekeepers Association for duration of the 1 program year
- Membership with Burke County 4-H Program with recognition of project, 4-H bee resources and quarterly educational workshops. (You will receive email with workshop dates)



## **Equipment and Maintenance**

1. Bees, equipment and tools provided must be kept and cared for properly.
2. The participant & Burke County 4-H 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. At the end of the calendar year, that BAB participant is encouraged to be a youth mentor to the next year's BAB winners.
4. The participant agrees to pay any additional costs associated with the program. (if needed)
5. If the participant moves from Burke County or does not follow the provisions of this contract, they will forfeit their ownership of any bees, equipment or tools supplied by Burke County 4-H to Burke County 4-H.
6. The participant hereby acknowledges that the Burke County 4-H and the Burke County Beekeepers Association assume no responsibility for any accident that may occur during participation in the program.



## Academic and Community Service

1. Participants will send a “Thank You” note to their sponsors **through Burke County 4-H**, no later than October 25, 2023.
2. Participants/families will keep regular communication, e-mail/phone contact, with the BAB coordinator (Nicki C.). This will include sharing your “learning objective” assignments, coordination of speaking assignments if invited, hive checks and any other necessary communication. Participants will supply a 4-H Project Record Book to the Burke County 4-H by January 19, 2024.
3. Participants **will attend at least three (of the four+ offered)** 4-H Jr. Beekeeping educational workshops throughout the year. You will receive email with workshop information.
4. One public speaking engagement(s) which may include any of the following venues: association meetings, local city days, county or state fairs, and/or school classrooms. Can be determined and approved by the 4-H Agent.

The application/contract is to be properly signed and returned to Burke County 4-H via email or delivered to the Burke Extension office by February 17, 2023 along with the written essay portion. Winners will be contacted and announced by March 3, 2023.

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*Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development*  
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### Upcoming dates and information:

*Dates and times may be subject to change. Participants will be notified of changes*

My Mentor (will be assigned) is: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

My **Hive Build/Pick up** date is: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Jr. Beekeeping **Workshop #1** \_\_\_\_\_ program youth/family  
130 Ammons Dr. Morganton, NC

4-H Jr. Beekeeping **Workshop #2** \_\_\_\_\_ program youth/family  
130 Ammons Dr. Morganton, NC

4-H Jr. Beekeeping **Workshop #3** \_\_\_\_\_ program youth/family  
130 Ammons Dr. Morganton, NC

**Thank you letter** to sponsors/mentors due: October 25, 2023 Work with Agent

4-H Jr. Beekeeping **Workshop #4** \_\_\_\_\_ program youth/family  
130 Ammons Dr. Morganton, NC

4-H Beekeeping **Project Record Book** due: Jan. 19, 2024 to 4-H Agent, office

### Contact Information:

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### Resources:

\*4-H Online Enrollment: **Required by March 10, 2023**  
Read more at: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

\*4-H Project Record Book forms and information: **Required by Jan.19, 2024**  
<https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/youth-3/4-h-awards-incentives-programs-2/>

\*Burke County 4-H information and opportunities:  
<https://burke.ces.ncsu.edu/>



### Optional:

<https://www.facebook.com/burkecounty4hnc>

<https://www.instagram.com/burkecountync4h/>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/nc-cooperative-extension-burke-county-20129554389>

North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T State University commit themselves to positive action to secure equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability. In addition, the two universities welcome all persons without regard to sexual orientation. North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local governments cooperating.

*[Thank You Format]*

*[EXAMPLE Thank You letter]*

Date

Dear Donor,

Thank you for your part in helping me to begin my first year in 4-H beekeeping. I am going to keep track of the following things:

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I am especially interested in being this kind of beekeeper:

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Included is a photo of me working my hives. You have helped make all this possible.

Thanks so much,

(Your Name...)



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## 4-H BAB Application & Contract, 2023 Program

*\*Please Print*

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of Jan.1, 2023) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Call Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address where the bees will be kept: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- I have attached/included my essay with this application sheet.
- I understand and accept the program contract guidelines.
- My 4-H Online registration will be completed by required date (3/11/23)

### **Required Signatures**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Contact Information:**

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