



# The Kermit Holshouser Jr. Beekeeping Project

## 4-H BAB Application & Contract, 2024 Program



*\*Please Print*

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of Jan.1, 2024) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

\*Best days & times to meet: (approx 1 hr workshops)[check all that apply]

\_\_\_ M \_\_\_ T \_\_\_ W \_\_\_ TH \_\_\_ F [ \_\_\_ Sat. am \_\_\_ Sun. pm]

\_\_\_ 4pm \_\_\_ 5pm \_\_\_ 6pm \_\_\_ 7pm

I have attached/included my essay with this application sheet.

I understand and accept the program contract guidelines.

My 4-H Online enrollment will be completed by March 15, 2024. 4honline.com

This sheet & essay are only papers  
needed to office.

All other information is for you to keep!

### ***Required Signatures***

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

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

\*My sibling(s), \_\_\_\_\_, participated in this program for the class year of: \_\_\_\_\_.

### ***Contact Information:***

*Nicki Carpenter*

*Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development*

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## 4-H Bee A Beekeeper (4-HBAB) 2024 Application Essay



Burke County 4-H is excited 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). In a simple essay, share your thoughts on beekeeping and why you are interested. **Your essay is to be attached with your application form and turned into our office.**

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

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

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

Minimum requirements: Topic paragraph should be seven to nine sentences long. An introduction sentence of yourself, three to five sentences regarding interest in beekeeping, one to two sentences for what the participant is expecting to learn or experience during the yearlong mentoring program, and a closing sentence. Maximum length accepted for this age group, 16 sentences.

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

Minimum requirements: Two paragraph expository essay, each paragraph should be five to nine sentences long. First, an introduction paragraph about yourself and interest in beekeeping. Include evidence that gives background research of topic. Second paragraph should explain what the participant is expecting to learn, how you will be using and working the bees during the season, and data you anticipate to be tracking, and how you would share this report on to the Association/4-H, if asked to present. Maximum length accepted for this age group is a five paragraph essay.

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

Minimum requirements: Three paragraph expository essay, each paragraph should be five to nine sentences long. An introduction paragraph that sets up the essay (including introduction about you and your desire to pursue beekeeping, one or two methods paragraphs of what you anticipate you will be doing with the equipment/bees during the season, what type of data you will be collecting, and what you will report to the Association/4-H if asked to present your project. paragraph. Maximum length is a seven paragraph essay.

You may be invited to read your essay to the body of The Burke Beekeepers Association or to present during a monthly meeting or for a Burke County 4-H program. Representatives of the Burke County 4-H Advisory Team will score the top essays according to the grading rubric listed above.

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

\* Application sheet and essay are due by February 23, 2024. Winners will be contacted and announced March 8, 2024.





# **The Kermit Holshouser Jr. Beekeeping Project**

## **4-H Jr. Beekeepers Program Contract**

### **guidelines & expectations**

#### **equipment & engagement**



*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 emails 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, and continue learning with 4-H as BC 4-H Jr. Beekeeper Alumni.
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 & Community Engagement**

- Participants will send a "Thank You" note to their sponsors through Burke County 4-H, no later than October 25, 2024.
- Participants & families will keep regular communication, e-mail/phone contact, with the BAB coordinator (Nicki C., 4-H Agent). 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 10, 2025.
- Participants will attend at least three (of the four+ offered) 4-H Jr. Beekeeping educational workshops throughout the year. You will receive emails with workshop information.
- 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.



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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, 2024 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. 10, 2025 to 4-H Agent, office

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### Resources:

\*4-H Online Enrollment: **Required by March 15, 2024**

Read more at: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

\*4-H Project Record Book forms and information: **Required by Jan.10, 2025**

<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>

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*[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... )