

BARC Youth Apprentice Beekeeper Program Contract

To be signed at time of the award.

The selected Apprentice(s) will receive the following:

- ❖ Two years' membership in the Rowan County Beekeepers Association.
- ❖ BARC member mentor(s) to learn from and work with.
- ❖ One package of honeybees or swarm (to be determined).
- ❖ One complete hive comprising of:
 - One (1) bottom board
 - Two (2) deep brood boxes with frames & foundation
 - One (1) medium (or shallow) super with frames & foundation
 - One (1) queen excluder
 - One (1) inner cover
 - One (1) top cover
 - One (1) smoker
 - One (1) hive tool
 - One (1) helmet and veil
 - One (1) pair of gloves
 - Please note some or all equipment/supplies provided may be used.
- ❖ Access to the association's honey extraction equipment.

Equipment & Maintenance Requirements

1. Bees, equipment, and tools provided must be kept and cared for properly.
2. The Apprentice and the Beekeepers Association of Rowan County. (BARC) will jointly own the bees, equipment, tools and gear until the conclusion of the program (2 years).
3. After successful completion of all requirements, the bees, equipment, tools and gear will become the property of the Apprentice.
4. The Apprentice agrees to pay for any additional cost associated with the program (sugar and/or pollen for feeding, extra equipment or tools, etc.)
5. If the Apprentice moves from the area or does not follow the provision of this contract, they will forfeit any ownership of the bees, equipment, or tools & gear supplied by the BARC.

Program Requirements

1. The Apprentice will maintain contact with their mentor(s) on a regular basis.
2. The Apprentice will keep regular records throughout the year of keeping bees through journals (includes photography) and hive inspection forms.
3. The Apprentice will attend a short beekeeping course, a minimum of 8 of the 11 yearly scheduled BARC meetings, and another BARC community event to gain further knowledge of beekeeping. Failure to meet this requirement could, at the BARC discretion, result in the Apprentice forfeiting their ownership of the bees, equipment, tools and gear supplied by the BARC.
4. At least one public speaking engagement will be required yearly to the BARC about the Apprentice's experience and what they've learned about beekeeping.
5. The Apprentice hereby acknowledges that the BARC assumes no responsibility for any accident, injury, or damages that may occur during the participation in the program.

This contract is to be signed and properly returned to the BARC at the time of the award.

Required signatures:

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____ Date: _____

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