

Mahoning County Beekeeping Program

Participant information



What is it?

The focus of this program is to increase the number of beekeepers in Mahoning County, increase productivity in gardens through pollination and teach youth (age 14 through 18) the importance of bees and beekeeping.

Why should I participate?

You will receive 12 hours of classroom instruction, plus a field day, where you will learn about bees and beekeeping. You will also have the opportunity to help a youth understand why bees are important by mentoring them through the program.

What do I need to do to participate?

- Live in Mahoning County and tend bees in Mahoning County.
- Attend the 12 hours of classroom instruction, plus the field day.
- Assemble 2 hives after training to use with project.
- Join the Mahoning/Columbiana Beekeepers Club (Dues are Adult \$8 and Youth \$4 per year) and attend a minimum of 2 club meetings the first year.
- The adult participant maintains the hives for a minimum 2 year period.
- Assist in sharing beekeeping information with school groups, church groups, 4-H'ers, boys/girls clubs, etc.

What are the costs?

If you have a sponsor—see your sponsor for any associated expense.

If you are an individual you may participate by:

1. Applying for a full scholarship.
2. Paying a fee of \$500 for all associated classes, supplies & bees.
3. Attending classes only for a fee of \$40.

Sponsor information:

Application procedure: (Applications available at: www.crossroadsred.org)

Complete an application and return to your sponsoring organization or if you do not have a sponsoring organization, return to: Mahoning County Beekeeping Program, c/o Crossroads RC&D, 277 Canal Ave SE, Ste C, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 postmarked by January 29th, 2010. If you have questions please contact Crossroads RC&D office at 330-339-9317.

Project Partners

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