



The Buzz



Newsletter of the Iowa Honey Producers Association

Greetings from the President of the IHPA

Dear Honey Producers,

It doesn't seem possible that it is July already. Lightning bugs are flying fast and furious around here as I write this article. Hope that means we will get some rain and the honey bees will keep working hard to bolster their supplies of honey. July always is a month that makes me feel that summer is going way too fast. We just couldn't wait for the warm weather, then it always gets way too hot for some and the days just fly by. July means summer is going way too quickly and sooner than we want, the snow will be flying. July does mean that Shawn, our oldest son, will be able to visit for two weeks from Iraq. Can't wait. It also means that JoAnn will be three years old on the first.

The Field Day promises to be a great time to spend some quality learning time in a beautiful outdoor setting with some wonderful teachers. I hope to see many of you there. Plan to attend July 8 at the Iowa 4-H Camp located by Luther, IA. The camp is not far from the Iowa Arboretum. If time permits make a stop there to see the beautiful surroundings. If you have questions, contact Pat Ennis. His number and e-mail address is on the back of the BUZZ.

The IHPA will have t-shirts available again this summer. The first order of a few years ago is gone and the requests keep coming in. I did order some child sizes this time. The shirts will be available at the field day July 8 and also at the State fair. It would be great if workers would wear one so the public will know who to ask questions of. Let's bring some sunshine into the crowds of people attending the fair. We did get lots of positive comments about the shirts and used the same design.

It is time to finish up the worker list for the Iowa State Fair sales booth. I have had a great response to the "plea" for help in last month's BUZZ. Let's keep the volunteers coming in so we have a complete staff and no one person will have to work an extreme amount of time. Remember to send in your work request days by mail, e-mail or phone calls. Maybe we can get the pages filled at the Field day and then I won't have to have sleepless nights wondering if we will get enough workers. Remember that you will receive tickets to get into the fair on the days that you work.

Remember to send in your entries for the Apiary department. We need to have a great showing of entries for the many beekeeping classes. Start on them soon so you won't have last minute panic set in. If you need an entry book call (515) 262-3111, ext. 207. You can enter your projects online this year by going to www.iowastatefair.org/entry. Let's show the public how much fun beekeeping is and showcase the wonderful talents of beekeepers. Melanie Bower of Des Moines is the superintendent again this year. Thanks Melanie.

With summer in full swing, many of you will be attending Farmers' Markets and other events to showcase your honey and other products that you may have. Remember that research has shown that consumers are willing to pay more for a local product. Make your products stand out and let it be known that you are selling a healthy, locally grown product. I read an article that stated that *"while fruits and vegetable imports from both north and south of the border have become commonplace in our supermarkets, consumers are also seeking local sources of nutritious foods."* *"John Norwood, ISU indicated that there is a strong belief among U.S. consumers that domestically produced foods are superior to imported products...particularly on freshness and safety, and that consumers have a strong preference for locally grown products."* Remember not to "give away" your products. Figure out what your cost of production is, what your container and label costs and don't forget the labor that is needed to sell your product after it is produced. Don't sell yourself short, consumers want "YOUR" product.

Enjoy your celebrations this summer and don't forget that freedom isn't free.

Sincerely,
Donna Brahms, IHPA President



Please send submissions, classified ads, and photos to Alex W. Ebert by email to TheBuzz@ABuzzAboutBees.com or by mail to The Buzz, c/o Phil Ebert, 14808 S. 102nd Ave. E., Lynnville, IA 50153. **The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month to be included in the following month's newsletter.** The Buzz is a monthly newsletter published by the Iowa Honey Producers Association which is an affiliate of the Iowa State Horticultural Society. IHPA Membership is only \$10 annually. To join IHPA and receive your complimentary member subscription to The Buzz Newsletter, please contact Gordon Powell, IHPA Treasurer, 4012 54th St., Des Moines, IA 50310 Phone : (515) 278-1762

Dates to BEE Remembered:

July 8th, 2006

Summer Field Day

July 8th, 2006

IHPA board meeting, following the Field Day

July 23-28, 2006

The 9th International Pollination Symposium. Scheman Building, Iowa State University.
www.ucs.iastate.edu/mnet/plantbee/home.html

Aug. 10-20, 2006

Iowa State Fair

To add an important date to the list, contact the Buzz by email at thebuzz@abuzzaboutbees.com

Or by mail at the address listed on the front cover.

Education Update

Kirkwood Community College has requested another beekeeping class. The class we had there this past winter had the lowest enrollment of any of the classes we held. It may be the college didn't get the word out very well. Apparently, they have had several inquiries since the class ended. They wanted to have a class this fall but that doesn't work well for anybody. Ron Wehr and Vern Ramsey will have another go at it next winter.

The Buzz Picture Contest

Remember that "The Buzz" is offering \$10 for one picture each month. I know some of you will have good photo opportunities during the summer months. Entertain your fellow beekeepers and make some money at the same time. This offer does not pertain to pictures printed with articles. Submit your photo via e-mail or by the post. Postal submissions should include a self addressed stamped envelope if you want your picture returned.

FOR SALE: Buckets—It's a bucket bonanza. Four and five gallon buckets with matching lids and sanitized with bleach water—Paragon, Ropak, Plastikan and others. Your choice \$1.50 each

Contact:

Phil Ebert at 641-527-2639
or e-mail ehoney37@netins.net

FOR SALE: Locally raised queens grafted from our overwintered colonies--\$12.50 each plus shipping. Available in early June. Our mating boxes have full sized frames with a good population of bees. We hold these queens until they have capped brood so we know what their pattern looks like.

Contact:

Adam Ebert at 641-594-3126
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Swarm TV

Swarm News: Former board member Jim Clark made the news on Channel 2 in Cedar Rapids. He was called to pick up a swarm in a local yard. The TV folks were there and captured it all on tape. Jim came out without any protective gear and put the swarm in a cardboard box. Then he had an opportunity to talk to the TV folks about bees. He did an excellent job of presenting information to the public. I saw the video clip. It was excellent

Submitted by Phil Ebert

Bee Emergency Plan:

The Bee Emergency Plan is being formatted into a one page information sheet that will be handed out at the summer fire school in Ames on June 15-17. [See page 13.] This information will also be made available to regional firefighting partners. The plan outlines how to handle bee spills. Parts of this plan have been around for several years but it has never been distributed to public agencies. Vern Ramsey had the lead role in finalizing the plan and

getting it to the firefighters. Thanks for your effort, Vern.

Beeyard Registration Update

Jay Sharp from AgriTech Aviation called me the other day. AgriTech does most of the aerial spraying in our area. They have made a major effort to protect my bees the last few years. Jay had tried to get the beeyard locations off the IDALS website. Many of them came up without range and township. After the call, I sent Maury Wills a rather pissy e-mail. Directly after this I went to the web site to enter the rest of my yards in slots that had been opened earlier. It wouldn't take my data. Now, I am really hot. I send Maury another nasty e-mail. The next morning he called me. They are trying to fix things. As yet, there is still no replacement for Becky Ohrtman. They are going through the Dept of Natural Resources to get the computer work done. The actual guy doing the computer work is in Iowa City. I was surprised when Maury told me the yard registration numbers were up.

Maury is doing the best he can. Down the line, the registration website is going to be a good thing. In the near term, I am not putting all my confidence in it. I am going to fax Jay my yard locations to be on the safe side. Another thing you can do is to contact your local coop. They arrange for the spraying in most cases. Most of them will try to help you. I have encountered exceptions, however.

Submitted by Phil Ebert

Prospective Inspectors to be Interviewed

During my phone conversation with Maury Wills, he told me interviews with prospective bee inspectors would be held after the beginning of the fiscal year. He is also hopeful of getting their wages raised. Not having a replacement for Becky has slowed things up.

Submitted by Phil Ebert

Featured Beekeeper of the Month

This month our featured beekeeper is Delmar and Fern Nelson of Kellogg, IA. Rock Creek Honey is the name of their beekeeping business. This is their story.

much they like my products. My wife, Fern, and I have found many uses for our honey. One is we roast black walnuts in honey. For years we threw the walnuts away and now have them for snacks all the time.

My future plans are to try new ideas to

around inside my van so I decided to open the tail gate and let the bees out. The bees were flying out and up the hill so I went inside for coffee. When I looked out all my bees from the hives were flying down the hill into my van. It was a week before I could drive my van.

I plan on beekeeping as long as I can walk up the hill to take care of them.

Thanks for your story Delmar!

Submitted by Ron Wehr



Delmar has placed his hives on 5 gallon buckets to keep the mice out in this picture from 2005. He has also recycled some old vending machines to use as storage cabinets.

I started beekeeping 3 years ago because my fruit trees were not producing fruit. Since I knew very little about bees, I took a beekeeping class by Phil Meyers. I started with 1 hive. The 2nd year I had 4 hives, and this last year I went into winter with 12 hives. I plan to expand to 20 hives this summer.

The first year I sold honey at farmers markets in 8, 12, 16 oz bears, 3, 5 lb. jugs, and Ross Rounds. This year I started filling honey straws in 10 flavors and 9 flavors of honey in 8 oz bears. The flavors were half of my sales so I will add more flavors next year. I am experimenting with honey root beer soda that I will sell this summer.

It is great to have repeat customers at the farmers market telling me how

control Varroa mites without chemicals. I use screen bottom boards now and my mite count was lower this past year. Next summer I am going to try bottom boards with plastic tubes in place of the screen.

I am a member of the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association, Back to Basics Beekeeping Club and Iowa Honey Producers Association. I try to attend as many meetings as I can as there is so much to learn by talking to the members and everyone is willing to help.

One of my most memorable experiences is when I took the last of the honey supers off this past fall. I always put the supers in my van to keep the bees out of them and take them down the hill to my shop. When I got to the stop, there were a few bees flying

After we got the footage we needed, we shook the bees from two foul colonies into the same box of foundation and gave them a new queen. We went back two weeks later for a second look. The combs had been drawn perfectly and the bees were doing well.

We also have footage of ether rolls and using sticky boards. The only thing we really lack is a colony that has crashed from Varroa mites. There is a very funky looking appearance of the brood when this happens. It can be mistaken for foul brood. It would be nice to have the video done for the annual meeting but I think spring is a more likely time frame.

Submitted by Phil Ebert



IHPA Pest Control Video

Work on the IHP video covering foul brood identification and estimating Varroa mite load is progressing. Alex got some excellent footage of the rope test for foulbrood.

Greetings Iowa Beekeepers!

The Buzz – July 2006

A great deal has gone on in my life since my last letter. I completed my third year at ISU, and am thankful for the break from textbooks, papers, and exams. I have also purchased, renovated, and moved into a house in my hometown. It is a lovely place, with a nice little corner to keep a hive. I am excited that soon I will be able to have my own bees to study and care for. I have also attended media training for the American Beekeeping Federation. Jolene and I toiled for 3 days, improving our interviewing skills, learning more about the industry, and preparing all of the wonderful dishes in our recipe brochure. There are some tasty treats, and if you would like a brochure, or several to hand out at an event, please let me know.

We also got a basic idea of our travel schedules for this fall, and I am very excited about the wonderful promotions approaching. Although I will get to spend some time promoting across the country, I have been given many open spaces to promote here in Iowa. Please don't hesitate to invite me for fear that I will be busy. I love promoting honey, and I am never too busy to hear from an Iowa beekeeper!

Finally, I just want to remind you to be thinking about outstanding youth that might be interested in beekeeping. Encourage them to apply to be an IHPA Youth Partnership Program Scholar. Look for the application online or in the Buzz. [*The application can be found starting on page 9.*]

If I can be of any assistance, never hesitate to contact me. My new address is 601 Monroe St., Cumberland, IA 50843, or you can reach me by phone at 712-779-0321 or email at tjurchen@hotmail.com.

Best wishes for a sweet summer!
Teresa Jurchen
2006 American Honey Princess

“A swarm of bees in May, worth a ton of hay. A swarm of bees in June, worth a silver spoon. A swarm of bees in July, not even worth a fly.” I'm sure many of you have heard this little poem and can maybe even back it up. Swarms can be something new and exciting, possibly even adventurous if everything falls into place. On the other hand, some may think of them as a tedious hassle especially if it happens in mid-summer when honey production is at its peak. After a swarm, it takes time for both of the hives to read-just whether it be wax and honey production or the queens laying patterns. This, unfortunately, will cut back on



honey production but at least you will have two strong hives for the next year. Luckily swarms only happen every three years or so as long as you monitor your hive and make sure the bees have enough space in their supers.

So far in this honey season, my family and I have experienced three swarms! Of them, one was from our hives. It happened on a warm sunny day in June. I remember looking outside into our small apiary and seeing a large cluster of bees hovering over the hives. Over some time, the mass of bees disappeared. Later that day, the neighbors stopped down and said to us to come and get our bees! They were on a low limb of a tree in a cluster. The neighbors were quite intrigued and took pictures as we gathered the bees and brought them back home. Later in the month, my dad caught two other

swarms, both at his work area which is in the industrial park of Cedar Falls. When my mom asked him if the group of co-workers watching him gather the bees looked upon him with a new respect, he answered, “No, I think they think I'm crazy!” They were watching him deal with thousands of bees without a protective suit!

After catching all of these swarms, the number of bee hives we own went from eight to eleven. Through all of this, it has been a fun learning experience, most of the time!

Sincerely,
2006 Iowa Honey Queen
Elizabeth Macken

THE BEEYARD REPORT

During one of my delivery days in May, I broke down in Ankeny. I spent three hours in the parking lot at Arnold Motor Supply working on my truck. The employees went the extra mile helping me out with parts, tools and advice. It turned out that assistant manager Eric Stewart was a beekeeper. He's from the Fairfield area and knows Vern Ramsey.

We caught a good flow in mid May but there hasn't been anything since. There isn't any Dutch clover at all in our area. There is a good bloom of trefoil and sweet clover but there is no flow. The basswood bloom has been uneven. The basswood trees in Lynnville bloomed at the beginning of the month. The ones along the Skunk River are just coming into bloom now (June 16th). I could see the bees in the trees but there were very few bees in the honey supers.

Adam has the queen yard up and running. He has around 100 mating nucs set up. He has been using a nuc box for his cell builder but is branching out to a new method. I don't know enough about it to explain it. All I know is that he is using full sized boxes this time.

He sold all the queens he produced in the first two lots so we have had to put off requeening some of our colonies. In the end we are going to wind up with way more queens than we can use or sell but we have to push the envelope to see what our capabilities are. Part of what we do will be determined by how the summer develops. If it stays dry and the flow doesn't develop we will probably start building more colonies. If the flow comes, we will ride it out and requeen our poor colonies in the fall.

I don't think I would be good at queen rearing. I hate to tear colonies up after they get going good. Adam is in them all the time making what he needs. Today he tore down a colony with a couple of supers on it to make his cell builder. I have never figured the value of the equipment we have tied up in the queen operation. I might be afraid of the answer. I feel it's necessary, though. It gives us the flexibility to maintain our colony numbers. With queens in the \$12-\$15 range, 100 queens represents serious money

Most of our excess honey is sold. I've got 25 barrels left in the warehouse. I have a promise for twelve of those. I'm going to sit on the rest until I see how this years crop is going to turn out. I need 60 or 70 barrels to take care of our store business. I am not anticipating a crop disaster but the possibility is always there. My planning always looks at the worst case scenario.

Ron Wehr is also raising queens this year. We were visiting on the phone about our experiences. Ron made his grafting tool out of a piece of #14 wire. I had never thought of that. Adam likes the metal grafting tools but we always seem to lose them over the winter. The next time we lose one, I am going to try the #14 wire trick.

Here's hoping we all get a good crop!!!

Submitted by Phil Ebert

The Southeast Iowa Beekeepers



The Southeast Iowa Beekeepers met at Ron Wehr's on Saturday June 10 for an afternoon of instruction on the art of queen grafting. Ron has had good success this year in the project. He prepared the frames and his son Brian removed the larvae from the cells into the cups Ron had made from wax, and then put into finisher hives to feed and draw out the cells.



We had the 3 FFA boys that we had supplied with bees and equipment this spring with us. They also tried removing the larvae from frames, looked for queens in nukes and observed Ron's honey house. After the meeting we of course had a supper of hamburgers, hot dogs, and pot luck which was enjoyed by all.



Submitted by Vern Ramsey

AHB in Kansas

By Bob Harrison

I was asked to make a few comments on the recent announcement of AHB expected to arrive in Kansas before long.

The first point I would like to make is the news media will not be our friend if a stinging incident happens.

A couple weeks ago beekeepers in the Kansas City area saw first hand the channel five media response to a bee incident. I had returned from the bee yards for supper and turned on the news on channel five. Thousands of stinging bees was the announcement. The channel five helicopter was hovering above a high school soccer field with camera on the swarm. The field day had been cancelled and the students sent home.

The above was the entire story presented in the half-hour segment.

I returned to the bee yards but called home later to get the rest of the story. My wife said the news media had got the story wrong. Not a single person was stung and was only a common swarm. A lady beekeeper had arrived and hived the swarm. The field day had been needlessly canceled.

Beekeepers are always called to solve the problem. Beekeepers will be called to solve an AHB problem also.

Which brings me to a CNN segment from Miami, Florida last month. The segment said three million bees in a house wall. The segment showed the bees. I have removed plenty of bees from buildings and I doubt over 30,000. The segment showed a beekeeper removing the swarm easily without protection in an area of AHB infestation. Although the bees were obviously not AHB you can see the problem with letting the public

think the average person can remove bees from building in an area of AHB without protection.

The state of Florida is passing a law to prevent the removal of feral swarms without AHB training.

In short we have tried for years to put forth the image of the honeybee as easy to handle and getting a bad rap from other stinging insects such as hornets and yellow jackets. True in many cases but the AHB is causing some serious problems in populated areas. I believe AHB incidents in Kansas will be rare but will happen from time to time.

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The solution in my opinion is to try and control the media as much as possible with correct information and to inform the public to always use caution with feral swarms.

AHB is low on my list of beekeeping problems. If I get a "hot" hive I will simply kill the hive and toss on the truck. A simple method is a handful of paradichlorobenzene and plugging the entrance. You can pick up the hive next trip if you like, as you will not have to worry about wax moths getting the dead out.

Requeening AHB is not cost effective in my opinion. If you should want to try requeening the Texas Beekeepers suggest you kill the queen (or queens) and split the hive into three nucs.

The question in my opinion is not "if"

AHB will come to Kansas, but when.

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Reprinted from the June 2006 issue of 'Cappings', the Kansas Honey Producers Association newsletter.

BANANA SMOOTHIE

- 2 bananas**
- 1 c. plain yogurt**
- 1 c. orange juice**
- 4 tsp. honey**

Put all ingredients together in a blender or food processor. Blend until smooth. Pour into glasses (pour over ice or refrigerate for 1/2 hour for a cold smoothie). Makes 2 glasses. A delicious, easy summer cooler for children to make and enjoy.

Recipe from cooks.com



ORANGE INN SMOOTHIE

- 1 ripe banana**
- 1/2 c. strawberries, hulled**
- 1/4 c. dates, pitted**
- 1 tbsp. bee pollen (optional)**
- 2 tbsp. honey**
- 1 c. orange juice, chilled**
- 1 c. crushed ice**

Blend bananas, strawberries, and dates in blender until smooth. Mix bee pollen and honey, then orange juice and crushed ice, mixing until well blended. Serve at once. Makes 1 jumbo serving.

Recipe from cooks.com

'Mean Gene' Found in Africanized Honey Bees

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — A gene that has a large effect on the aggressive stinging behavior in Africanized honey bees — the so-called “killer bees” — has been identified by a group of scientists at three institutions.

Greg Hunt, a bee specialist with the Purdue University Department of Entomology and principal investigator on the research project, says finding the mean gene in honey bees “may help us understand what makes Africanized bees so aggressive.”

Hunt and colleagues Robert E. Page of the University of California-Davis and Ernesto Guzman-Novoa of Mexico's agricultural research service located the man gene by measuring the speed and intensity of stinging behavior in 162 colonies of hybrid bees. They then located DNA markers on the chromosomes of the aggressive hybrid bees and compared the genes with those of non-aggressive hybrid bees.

Now that they have mapped the gene in the honey bee genome, the researchers say the next step would be to isolate the gene for further study. “We've found a place on a chromosome where this gene or genes may be, but we hope in time to be able to localize it better,” Page says. “Someday we may actually be able to isolate and characterize the gene and find out how the two versions of the gene differ.”

Hunt says the finding will lead to markers for the aggressiveness trait. “We are developing specific genetic markers that could predict the probability of queens having the African version of stinging genes so it will be easier for breeders to avoid using these queen bees,” he says. “Ultimately it might be possible to clone the gene through map-based cloning so that we can better understand how this gene affects stinging behavior.

We made a genetic map of the honey bee using the same techniques used in crop genetics, a technique called quantitative trait locus mapping. This process hasn't been used much in insects. But if we have markers for the genes, we can do what the crop geneticists are doing and selectively breed for gentle bees.”

The scientist identified five genes that appear to have some link to the aggressive behavior, and one of these genes was found to have a much greater effect on the tendency to sting. “We have also mapped genes that affect levels of alarm pheromone,” Hunt says. “All but one of these genes are completely independent of stinging behavior.”

The research is published in the March issue of the scientific journal *Genetics*. The research was funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Institutes of Health, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture.



DUTCH HONEY BREAD

1 (1 lb.) pkg. brown sugar
4 tbsp. honey
1 1/2 c. milk
4 c. flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ginger
1/2 tsp. cloves

Thoroughly mix sugar, honey, and milk.

Sift dry ingredients; add to sugar mixture and mix thoroughly.

Pour into 2 paper-lined and greased bread pans. Bake at 300 degrees for 1 hour or until firm.

Slice thin and serve buttered. Yields 20 servings.

Recipe from cooks.com

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IHPA Iowa State Fair Sales Booth Signup Sheet

Dear Honey Producers:

We hope you will be able to help the Iowa Honey Producers Association with honey and lemonade sales at the 2006 Iowa State Fair. Dates of this year's fair are August 10th through the 20th. Please bring any other helpers with you who may be interested in working. Children who are ten years of age and older enjoy assisting and are welcome.

We will send passes which provide free entry to the State Fair to all who assist with honey and lemonade sales. Days, dates and times for which help is needed are listed at the bottom of this letter. Please return the work schedule, call or e-mail, if you prefer, indicating the dates and times you will help. Also, if possible, please list a first or second choice of dates and times you can be available to help with sales. Please state the names of all those coming with you who will be helping with State Fair sales.

Hope to see you at the Iowa State Fair!

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We always have a "Honey Of A Time" working at the Iowa State Fair!

Youth Beekeeping Partnership Program
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Application

Name	Date of Birth
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Address	City	Zip
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Phone	Parent or Guardian
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Please attach a summary of your involvement in school, community, church, and other youth or civic organizations.

Please write a brief paragraph on why you are interested in bees and beekeeping, and what you hope to accomplish if you are chosen as a Youth Beekeeping Partnership Scholar.

-----Local Media Information:
 Please provide the name and address of any local newspapers you wish to be contacted if you are chosen as a Partnership Scholar.

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To be completed by a parent or guardian:

How do you feel your child can benefit from this program?

Do you feel you can support and encourage your child in this effort? **YES** or **NO**

Does anyone in your immediate family have bees? **YES** or **NO**

If so, who? _____

**Please submit two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members
discussing the youth's ability to be successful in this program.**

Terms and Conditions of Agreement

The selected Partnership Program Scholars will receive:

- Woodenware consisting of 2 standard hive bodies with frames and foundation, 2 honey supers, a bottom board, inner cover, top cover, and queen excluder.
- A nucleus of bees with queen.
- Necessary equipment, including a smoker, hive tool, hat, veil, and gloves.
- 1 year of membership, with newsletter, to the Iowa Honey Producers Association
- Beginning Beekeeping Classes, including all educational supplies.
- Mentoring by an IHPA member throughout the year.
- Copy of "A Year With Honeybees" DVD

The Partnership Program Scholar will be expected to:

- Attend and successfully complete the agreed upon Beginning Beekeeping Classes.
- Give a short progress report during the year at one IHPA Board Meeting.
- Keep a written record complete with dates, photos, and other pertinent data to assist in sharing the Scholars' beekeeping experience with others.
- Successfully keep colony of bees throughout year.
- Present a final report to the membership at the 2007 IHPA Annual Meeting.

**A Certificate of Completion and full ownership of the colony and the equipment will be
presented at the 2007 IHPA Awards Banquet upon successful completion of the program
criteria and positive evaluation by mentor.**

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WAIVER/BINDER

We/I understand that neither the IHPA nor any of the Association members are liable for any accidents or injuries which may occur while my child, _____, is working with the aforementioned bees and equipment.

We/I also understand the bee colony and equipment remain the property of IHPA, and cannot be sold, given away, transferred in any manner, or destroyed during the qualifying period without the written consent of the IHPA.

In the event that _____, for any reason, can no longer pursue the beekeeping project, the IHPA Partnership Program Coordinator shall be notified and the equipment and colony of bees will be returned to the IHPA.

Upon successful completion of the qualifying term, and the satisfaction of stated conditions, the recipient will be presented a Certificate of Completion of the program and ownership of the beehive and related equipment will be transferred to the Program Scholar.

PARENTAL CONSENT

I am the above named applicant's parent or guardian. He/She is not known to be allergic to bee stings and has my consent to accept this scholarship if chosen. Furthermore, I agree that by signing this waiver I relieve the IHPA and their members from any and all liability for any accidents, mishaps, or other occurrences which may happen in the pursuit of this project.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

I understand that by signing this I agree to the terms of the scholarship. I understand that there are certain risks involved in beekeeping, and I am willing to fully commit to work with my mentor towards a successful experience over the next year.

Applicant Signature

Date

Youth Partnership Program Coordinator

Association President

Youth Beekeeping Partnership Program

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Selection Criteria

- Youth must be between the ages of 12 and 17 by November 1st of the current year.
- Applicant must be currently enrolled in public, private, or home school, and be from a non-beekeeping family.
- Applicant must complete and return all paperwork, including permission and agreement form signed by parent or guardian.
- The application with supporting documents, as well as the waiver/binder form must be submitted to the Program Coordinator no later than September 15 of the current year.

Selection Process

- After all applications have been received, a selection committee will carefully consider each and select 8 finalists.
- Finalists will be notified by phone on or before October 20. At this time finalists will arrange a specific time slot in which to interview.
- Interviews will take place November 17 during the IHPA Annual Meeting.
- The 4 Youth Beekeeping Partnership Program Scholars will be announced that evening during the IHPA Annual Meeting Awards Banquet. At this time they will have the opportunity to meet their mentors for the year.

Application Checklist

- Completed application
- Waiver/Binder form, including applicant and parent/guardian signatures
- Summary of Involvement
- Two (2) letters of recommendation

For more information, visit www.abuzzaboutbees.com, or contact the coordinator at teresajurchen@hotmail.com or 712-779-0321.

A copy of the youth's application, waiver form, summary of involvement, and 2 completed recommendation forms should be postmarked NO LATER THEN SEPTEMBER 15, 2006 to:

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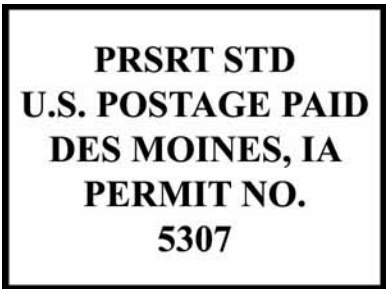
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