

BEEKEEPER

It takes a hive to keep our honeybees happy and healthy! Join our team of volunteer beekeepers and learn about the fascinating world of bees!



Volunteer Beekeepers at 21 Acres help with weekly hive maintenance while learning about the domesticated insect *Apis mellifera* (honeybee). Volunteers will gain experience working with bees and maintaining the apiary. You will team up with Apiary Manager Nan Affleck Hardt and other volunteers, providing support so the bees can fulfill their important purpose on the farm – pollinating and producing sweet local honey.

Volunteer tasks vary by season and may include:

Hive inspections, feeding the bees, identifying and treating pests, maintaining structures and equipment, and wax and honey harvesting.

Time Commitment: 2-3 hours per week. Must be available on Wednesdays. The morning shift is 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the afternoon shift is 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Works with: Apiary Manager

Training: Orientation and training are provided. Beekeeping has a learning curve. *We request that volunteers in the apiary commit to volunteering for at least three consecutive months.*

Skills/Supplies Needed: No prior beekeeping experience required. Bee suit provided. Tall boots are recommended.

Beekeeping is physically demanding work and requires heavy lifting. Although we generally work in pairs, a beehive box can weigh between 70-90 pounds and requires a fair amount of strength to lift.

Age Requirement: Volunteer beekeepers must be 18 or older.

For your own health and safety, it is best if you do not work in the apiary if you are allergic to bees. Please let us know before you begin volunteering if you have never been stung.

Interested in this role? Email Hillary at VOLUNTEER@21ACRES.ORG.