

Application  
Utah County BeeKeepers Association  
Brennen Gerratt  
February 7, 2010

I am a twelve year old seventh grade student at Mount Nebo Junior High School. I am very excited to learn about bees and beekeeping. I also love to eat honey. I hope to have the opportunity to raise bees this year. I have several questions about beekeeping that I want to discover this year. I hope that I can be sponsored this year by the beekeeping association.

I am curious about the amount and rate that bees produce honey. I want to find out if bees produce more honey in the spring than in summer months. I live near fruit orchards that will blossom in the spring. I think that bees will produce more honey when the fruit trees blossom than during the summer and fall months. To find out, I will weigh the supers when I build them. I am planning to weigh them again each month and write down how much the supers weigh.

My parents and I have done a little research on the internet about beekeeping. We have also talked to a few beekeepers about when to collect honey. I'm confused about the best time to collect. The beekeepers we've talked to said to collect in the fall, but some internet sites say to collect in the spring so the bees can stay healthy in the winter. I hope to learn when to collect honey at the association meetings that I will go to. Since the members of the association live in Utah County I am sure to get the best information about when to collect the honey from them.

I know that bees help pollinate plants. I want to know if gardens close to bee hives grow better than gardens farther from bee hives. I don't know how to measure whether bees help gardens to grow better. What I plan to do is ask my neighbors if their gardens grow better this year than last year. I know this will not be an exact measurement, but it is the best way I can think of to find out if bees help gardens.

These are some of the questions that I want to find answers to by raising bees. Please help me get started as a beekeeper. I know I will need help from people who have raised bees before. I hope you will give me that help at the meetings. Thank you for reading my application and helping me get started.

**Program Rules:**

**Equipment and Maintenance:**

1. Bees, equipment and tools provided must be kept and cared for properly.
2. The participant and the Utah County Beekeepers Association 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. The participant agrees to pay any additional costs associated with the program.
4. If the participant moves from Utah or Salt Lake County or does not follow the provisions of this contract, they will forfeit their ownership to any bees, equipment or tools supplied by the Utah County Beekeepers Association.
5. The participant hereby acknowledges that the Utah County Beekeepers Association assumes no responsibility for any accident that may occur during my participation in the program.

**Academic and Community Service**

6. Participants will send a "Thank You" note to their sponsors and a copy of this letter will be provided to the Utah County Beekeepers Association.
7. Participants will supply two letters, i.e. June and October, to their sponsors indicating the progress of their hive. Follow the written requirement format.
8. Participants will supply at least two letters of progress, i.e. June and October, for the year to the Utah County Beekeepers Association. Follow the written requirement format.
9. Participants will attend at least three association meetings throughout the year (membership to the association is included for the duration of the program).
10. Two public speaking engagements which may include any of the following venues: association meetings, farm field days, county or state fairs, and/or school classrooms. Report given may follow the outline of the written requirement.

This contract is to be properly signed and returned to the Utah County Beekeepers Association by Friday, February 12th, 2010 along with the written portion.

**Required Signatures:**

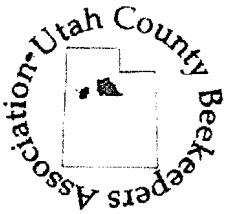
Applicant: Breanna Servatt

Parent/Guardian: [Signature]

- Membership in the Utah County Beekeepers Association
- Free tuition for the Utah County Beekeepers Association Beginners Class
- Package of Bees (type of bee to be determined)
- State licensing fees (\$10)
- Complete Hive
  - Bottom Board
  - 2 Deep Supers with Frames and Foundation
  - Inner Cover
  - Telescoping Cover
  - Hive Tool
  - Helmet
  - Veil
  - Smoker
  - Smoker Fuel
  - Gloves
  - One Medium Honey super and Frames/Foundation
  - Queen Excluder

In turn, the participant can expect some expenses to be successful. They may be such things as:

- Additional Honey Supers and Frames
- Disease and parasite prevention
- Extraction equipment or rental fees
- Honey containers
- Others



## Utah County Beekeepers Association Bee A Beekeeper Program Application and Contract

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**Eligibility:** The Bee a Beekeeper program is open to any student, grades 3-12 who is currently enrolled in a Utah County or Salt Lake County school (public or private).