



ADOPT-A-HIVE

2021 Program

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Thank you for your interest in Adopt-a-hive. Kicking off in Spring of this year we are offering a full 'hive to honey' program that allows businesses / organizations to purchase a hive & bees that will be maintained on the business specified property with help from Sleepy Bear, LLC. Sleepy Bear, LLC will maintain the hive/hives as they do their own, treatment free.

This program is intended to be a two year program. The first year is an important year for the hive to grow. It is typical to yield only one extraction of honey. The second year of a hive it is quiet possible to yield up to three honey extractions depending on weather and forage availability. One hive has potential to yield 20 - 80 lbs per extraction in the second year.

From initial set up to extraction of honey, we will provide on-site maintenance checks and learning opportunities. At the end of the season Sleepy Bear will extract the honey produced by the hive. bottle and label the honey in our own facilities. Sleepy Bear, LLC will create a custom label for the honey jars using the business/organization name and or logo.

At the end of the year businesses /organization will have the option to renew services for an additional year or end the agreement with Sleepy Bear, LLC. Upon ending the program businesses will be able to keep their hive & bees or request it be removed from the property. If you choose to have the bees removed, no refund will be given.

Pollinators play a very important role in our ability to produce food and having a program like this not only establishes a green side to your organization but gives many opportunities for increased local food production, education, and perhaps teamwork among local community groups.

The total cost of the program is \$1,500 per year broken into 2 installments of \$750 each.

Program Cost & Specifics - Year 1

First Installment at the time of delivery will cover:

Initial Setup & Site Prep
Hive Stand & Hive
Honey Bees

Second Installment due July 1st will cover:

Monthly maintenance
Extraction, bottling, labeling and delivery of honey

Program Cost & Specifics - Year 2

First Installment due April 1st:

Monthly maintenance - lot more involved the second year
Extraction of spring and summer honey, bottling, labeling and delivery of honey

Second Installment due July 1st will cover:

Monthly maintenance
Extraction of fall honey, bottling, labeling and delivery of honey



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Payment Schedule:

All payments will be invoiced via Square through a secure portal. Alternate payment forms may be accepted upon request. Payments will be due upon delivery of bees and July 1st of the first year and April 1st and July 1st of the second year.

Liability & Termination

Sleepy Bear, LLC will not be liable for rules governing beehives being kept within the community in which it is being maintained.

Sleepy Bear, LLC will not be liable for bee stings or allergic reactions.

Sleepy Bear, LLC will not be liable for loss of bees due to pesticide exposure or an animal intrusion.

Early termination requests shall be made in writing to scott@sleepybearstore.com. In the event of early termination with no special circumstances a final invoice will be sent for all services up to the date of the request. Sleepy Bear will come and remove the hive from the property. Once final payment is received and the hive removed the agreement will be officially terminated. If an early termination is made Sleepy Bear, LLC will not guarantee the bees for one year.

FAQs

How many bees will I be receiving?

ANSWER- A five frame nuc with a mated and laying Queen. A five frame nuc will consist of two to three frames of bees, brood and two frames of stored pollen and honey.

How long do bees live and what if something happens to my bees?

ANSWER- A bee hive can live for 1-4 years. Sleepy Bear, LLC will guarantee the survival of the bees for one year unless exposed to pesticides or an animal intrusion.

How many monthly maintenance visits will there be?

ANSWER- The first year there will be roughly 6 visits. The second year will be around 9-10. There will also be one or two visits per year made specifically for education purposes.

Do I need a fence around my bee hive?

ANSWER- An electric fence is needed if there is any danger of animal intrusions from such animals as bear, skunk, etc. Fence materials and installation is not included in the pricing because there are different variables in this process. Sleepy Bear, LLC can provide you with guidance on building a fence or, for an additional fee we can construct a fence.

What is the honey bottled in and how much will the hive produce?

ANSWER- All honey produced will be bottled and labeled in 1 pound jars with a personalized label for your business. The amount of honey a hive produces is dependent on many factors. Typically the first year is the lowest production while the hive is establishing. Sleepy Bear, LLC is guaranteeing at least 20 pounds of honey from the program. In the event the hive produces less, Sleepy Bear will provide the difference to equal 20 pounds total free of charge.