



## “Hives for Heroes – 2017”

Beam's Bees is proud to present our second annual “Hives for Heroes” campaign. As beekeepers, we have discovered the therapeutic nature of beekeeping, combined with the amazing satisfaction that comes from the continual learning and sense of awe that comes with working with these most-amazing creatures. As proud Americans, we thank God every day for our brave service men/women and first responders who give selflessly of themselves to keep this country great. So, as a very small token of our appreciation, we started a new program that will allow those who have sacrificed the most in the line of service to others to experience some of the therapy, enjoyment and satisfaction that comes from beekeeping. As such, we are pleased to be able to offer the following to two (2) recipients this year.

All the unpainted, precut, ready-to-assemble components needed for a starter beehive consisting of:

- Screened bottom board
- Either two (2) deep or two (2) medium Langstroth hive bodies. (Recipient's choice – in either 8 or 10 frame size)
- Frames and foundation sized for the above
- Inner cover
- Telescoping lid
- Entrance reducer
- A 5-framed nucleus colony of bees placed in your new hive

We are planning to offer the above unpainted and precut to the recipients well in advance of receipt of the bees. Part of the reason for this is to allow the recipient and their family/friends the satisfaction that comes with assembling and custom painting your hive to your personal tastes. If this is not practical, other arrangements can be discussed. ***All items and bees are to be picked-up at Beam's Bees location in New Freedom, PA.***



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To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be service-disabled or suffer from a documented service-related illness or injury and not presently be beekeepers. Eligible members of the armed services as well as service-disabled first responders (e.g.: police, fire, EMS) and immediate family members of Gold Star families are encouraged to apply. Also, minor dependent children of those killed in the line of duty are also eligible to apply.

To apply, we ask that you complete and return the application and any additional attachments or information required via email to [beekeeping@beamsbees.com](mailto:beekeeping@beamsbees.com)

(Please include “Hives for Heroes – 2017” in the subject line) or mail to:

Beam’s Bees  
17173 Waltimyer Road  
New Freedom, PA 17349

**All entries are to be received no later than March 31, 2017**

After the deadline, we will review all the entries and select two (2) as our 2017 award winners. Our basis for winner selection will be primarily based on those that we think have the greatest interest and may most-benefit from embarking on the adventure of beekeeping regardless of the nature and extent of their injuries or illness. So, while you may choose not to answer any of the requested information (except that which identifies you and certifies your eligibility, at a minimum), we encourage you to provide as much information as you are comfortable providing as well as any additional information that you think may benefit you in our selection process (including letters of recommendation if you wish). Winners will be contacted to discuss details and arrange for picking up their hive materials in time to perform assembly and painting well in advance of their nucleus colony of bees being ready.



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**In addition to the items being awarded, there are other basic items that you will need to acquire to get started in beekeeping. Many of these items are subject to personal preferences which is why we don't attempt to provide everything.**

We can share our experiences/preferences with these things and help point you toward some different sources for comparative shopping.

### **Some of these items may include:**

- Bee Suit and/or Veil (many different types and styles)
- Gloves (again, many different types – some people do not use any)
- Hive tool
- Smoker
- At some point, you will need to add additional honey supers (more boxes) and additional frames with foundation. There are other things such as queen excluders and such which you will want to research and determine whether or not you will want to use.

By applying, applicants agree to allow Beam's Bees to use their non-confidential information [e.g.: name, hometown, biographical information, branch of service, synopsis of their injury (unless applicant explicitly states otherwise), photos, quotes, etc.] for future promotional purposes as well as to allow Beam's Bees to also attempt to secure deals through other vendors and organizations on applicant's or program's behalf. Applicants and their families also agree to hold Beam's Bees not liable for any accidents, illnesses, injuries or any other claims that could possibly result from beekeeping or participation in this program; nor for the hobby addiction and enjoyment that often comes with beekeeping.

Thank you for your participation and best of luck!

Jesse & Heather Beam