Volunteer Beekeeping Field Study Assistance

UF Honey Bee Research Extension Laboratory (HBREL)
Gainesville, Fl

The Honey Bee Research Extension Laboratory (HBREL) is seeking a qualified volunteer to assist with honey bee colony assessments at three time periods over this summer and early fall. This will be on a short term basis under Dr. Jamie Ellis, the laboratory leader and under direct supervision of Jeanette Klopchin, laboratory manager.

Responsibilities

The primary responsibilities of the volunteer will be to:

1. Participate in honey bee colony assessment
2. Be comfortable working with and opening honey bee colonies
3. Be able to work an 8 hour day outdoors
4. Follow instructions
5. Keep accurate record of data taken in the field
6. Be punctual
7. Be a team player
8. Communicate regularly with the supervisor

Preferred Qualifications:

Candidates with the following qualifications are particularly encouraged to apply:

1) Previous experience beekeeping on a professional or volunteer basis

A normal workload of 3-full days a week, over three time periods:

Tentative dates are:

June 24-27
August: 19-24
September 16-19

The volunteer will have a relatively short training period and is expected to be able to work well in a team environment and have excellent time management skills, have a keen attention to
detail, and must get along well with others. People allergic to honey bee stings should not apply as bee stings are a real possibility. If you have any questions regarding this application or job description, please contact Jeanette Klopchin.

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Please return all applications (Fillable application and a letter of interest & experience about the job) to Jeanette Klopchin (jklopchin@ufl.edu). The position will remain open until filled. Thank you for your interest in a volunteer position at the HBREL. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

UF Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory:

All volunteers at the UF Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory (HBREL) support the efforts of the research leader (Dr. Ellis), technicians, and graduate students working in the laboratory. Volunteers will be expected to interact with members of the lab in a professional manner. Volunteers will represent the HBREL and the University of Florida and must do so honorably. Be aware that this job requires the collection and handling of scientific data, often in the absence of the research leader. As such, volunteers will be expected to perform their duties in an honest, reliable manner. Furthermore, they must be independently motivated and self-disciplined. Volunteers can anticipate a wide variety of job assignments while working at the HBREL. Working with honey bees can be difficult and may require unusual hours, including late evenings and weekends. Volunteers must be aware of the possibility of bee stings and that work often is conducted during hot/humid conditions. If these conditions are not agreeable to you, then volunteer work in the HBREL may not be for you. That said, most individuals working with honey bees find the work rewarding, enlightening, and enjoyable.