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**4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**



## 2017 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest



**The Foundation  
for the Preservation  
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**2017 Essay Topic:** *“How can MP3 (Managed Pollinator Protection Plan) more effectively protect honey bees from pesticide exposure?”*

Beekeeping has had its five minutes of fame for the past seven years. Now more than ever, the general public along with beekeepers are asking “What will happen if the bees are gone?” With the continued threat of pesticides, this is a very real question. Your paper should research and help answer this question.

Survey your community to see what is being done. Include your state in your survey to see if there are any programs they are using for pollination or any other program that could aid the honey bee.

The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated.

Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, which are not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a “Resources” or “Bibliography” list.

Note that “honey bee” is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.

**Rules Overview:** (failure to meet any one of the requirements will result in a disqualification)

- Students interested in writing an essay, should contact their local 4-H offices for contest details. The state selection must be done through the 4-H system.
- Preparation for National Judging: Typewritten or computer-generated double-spaced, 12pt. Times or similar type style, on one side of white paper following standard manuscript format.
- Must submit an essay, 750 to 1000 words, on the essay topic.

- Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research- 40%; (b) accuracy- 30%; (c) creativity- 10%; (d) conciseness- 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic- 10%
- All factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical-style endnotes.
- On a separate page, please include a brief biographical sketch of the 4-H essayist, including birthdate, gender, complete mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number, and this must accompany the essay.
- Each state may submit ONE entry only.
- **PERRY COUNTY 4-H DEADLINE is FEB 14th to the Extension Office, hard copy to office**
- **All PERRY COUNTY 4-H'ers who participate in the 2017 Beekeeping School held January 21 '17, that submit a qualifying essay will receive a refund of their Bee School fee of \$10.**
- Final judging and selection of the National Winner will be made by the Foundation's Essay Committee, whose decision is final.
- National winners will be announced by the **week of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.**
- All National entries become the property of the Foundation and may be published or used as it sees fit. No essays will be returned.

**Eligibility:**

Contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. 4-H'ers who have previously placed first, second, or third at the National level are NOT eligibility; but other state winners are eligible to re-enter. Students must write on the designated subject only. There will be NO exceptions.

**National Awards:**

First Prize: \$750.00

Second Prize: \$500.00

Third Prize: \$250.00

The National winners' essays will appear in an issue of the American Beekeeping Federation's Newsletter.

\*Each State Winner, including the National winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.

**2017 Eastern Kentucky Beekeeping School – 4-H aged fee \$10 until January 13<sup>th</sup>,  
after January 13<sup>th</sup>- fee is \$15**



Hazard Community & Technical College First Federal Center Building

One Community College Drive Hazard, Kentucky 41701

**January 21st, 2017: Registration begins at 8:00 AM**

**Opening Session: 9:00AM - School will conclude by 3:30PM**

## YLPI Joins in Tree Decorating on Main Street



Dozens of families will be enjoying some of “Mom’s Bean Soup” this chilly winter if they visited the Christmas trees on Main

Street on Christmas Parade day this year. The YLPI/4-H teens supplied the soup kits for the tree at their early December meeting. Pictured above is the decorated tree and Santa’s elves, Vada Miller and Brody Dixon, working with the ingredients.

## 4-H Communications Opportunities



Focusing on speeches and demonstrations has served many well over the years but the core curriculum actually broadens the scope of communications to include reading, listening, interpersonal communication, writing and family communications.

The communications program in Kentucky 4-H is based around the concept of helping youth to explore, develop, and define their communication abilities in regards to such areas as public speaking, personal expression, interaction with others, and professional correspondence. Here are additional opportunities:

## Kentucky 4-H Written Communications Contest Rules and Information

1. Each county may submit two junior and two senior entries per category.
2. Each category will have a junior and senior class.

Junior: Any member age 9-13 may compete in writing contest as per their age determined on January 1st of the year in which the state contest is held.

Senior: Any member age 14-19 may participate in writing contest (must have passed their 14th birthday but have not passed their 19th birthday as of January 1st of the year in which the state contest is held).

3. Each writing piece must be original. If there is a question, the participant will be disqualified. A statement of authenticity must be completed and attached to entry. This is found on the entry form.
4. All entries must be submitted to **PERRY COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE by 4:30 p.m. on February 14th.**
5. All entries are to be on 8" x 11" paper, with the entrant's class, name, and county on a cover page and last name typed on every page. (See 4-H office for sample cover page and scoring guide). Please include scoring guide and entry form at the back of the piece.
6. Entries are to be double-spaced, typed with Calibri size 12 font white paper. (Songs may be single spaced within verses, chorus and bridge and double spaced between each of these.)
7. Winners will be invited to showcase at the Kentucky State Fair "Clover Café." Date TBD.
8. Additional Information available upon request.

Categories include: (Junior and Senior Classes for each category)

- Songwriting Poetry (3 line minimum and 25 line maximum)
- "What 4-H Means to Me" Essay (minimum 500 words)
- Original Monologue Press Release (maximum of 1,000 words)
- Public Service Announcement

### **DATES TO MAKE NOTE**

**13 January Deadline for the Registration for EKY Beekeeping School.**

**21 January EKY Beekeeping School at HCTC First Federal Center, 9 AM**

**22 January YLPI meeting at 1:30 Extension office**

**27-28 Jan. District 2 4-H Teen Retreat (pre-registration required)**

**14 February Deadline for 4-H Bee Essay**

**14 February KY 4-H Written Communications Deadline**