

## WHAT 4-H CAN DO FOR YOU!

### Provide you the opportunity to:

Learn the safe handling of honeybees and their hives under competent leadership of trained adult volunteers.

Increase your knowledge

Learn new skills

Belong to a club

Be a club officer

Make new friends

Gain leadership skills

Learn to work together

Take 4-H projects related to Beekeeping Education and other topics

Practice and improve your skills

Participate in special programs

Build self-confidence and a positive attitude

Learn to set realistic goals and strive to achieve them

Become more responsible

Improve public speaking and communication skills

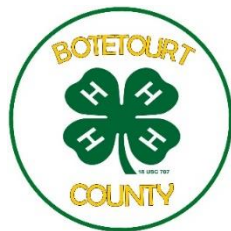
Learn to manage time and other resources

*Receive awards for your effort*

*Have FUN!*



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## BOTETOURT 4-H HONEY CLUB



**Learn about  
Honeybees,  
manage hives safely,  
& collect honey!**



**For Boys and Girls ages 9 – 19  
as of September 30<sup>th</sup>  
of the current year**

# BOTETOURT 4-H HONEY CLUB

## WHO ARE WE?

The Botetourt 4-H Honey Club members are a diverse group of boys and girls sharing one common interest – **to learn about honeybees, how to maintain hives safely, gather honey, learn more, and have fun!**

The club was organized to provide youth in Botetourt County the opportunity to learn about honeybees and their hives in a “hands-on” outdoor program.

## WHO CAN JOIN?

The 4-H program is open to all youth ages 9 – 19 as of September 30 of the current year. Any young person, male or female, may participate and join if they want to learn more about beekeeping and be with other youth with similar interests. You do not have to have a hive or protective clothing to join.

## HOW TO JOIN?

Contact the Botetourt Extension Office, at (540) 928-3210 or [tpaint85@vt.edu](mailto:tpaint85@vt.edu) for club meeting dates, times, and locations. Come and join Botetourt 4-H!

### **“4-H Pledge”**

***I Pledge  
My Head to Clearer Thinking,  
My Heart to Greater Loyalty,  
My Hands to Larger Service,  
My Health to Better Living, for My Club,  
My Community, My Country, and My World***

## WHAT DO WE DO?

Attend 4-H Club meetings (usually once a month unless extra activities are planned)

- Elect Officers
- Conduct club business
- Educational programs, speakers, and hands-on instruction
- Plan activities
- Manage hives safely

Receive hands-on training in beekeeping by a qualified 4-H Leader. Members will have the opportunity to have a 4-H hive placed on their property to maintain and gather honey. Members will be trained on how to handle beehives safely before hives are placed.

All members enroll in at least one 4-H project book and are encouraged to complete it to learn more about beekeeping as well as a means of recording 4-H activities for the year.

Members are encouraged to participate in community service projects as a club as well as individually. Most clubs conduct several community service projects each year.

Members are encouraged to participate in other county, district, and state 4-H activities and contests.

Involve the parents and adults through volunteer opportunities in helping with club activities.

## ANYTHING ELSE?

### **Other 4-H Activities, Camps, and Contests:**

- Botetourt 4-H Camp
- County, District, and State contests:
  - 4-H Presentation Contest
  - 4-H Talent Contest
  - 4-H Public Speaking Contest
- Other Botetourt 4-H Community Clubs:
  - 4-H Horse & Pony Club
  - 4-H Shooting Education Club
  - 4-H Livestock Club
  - 4-H Teen Leadership Club
  - 4-H Cooking Club
  - 4-H FLL Robotics
  - 4-H FRC Robotics

