



HOST-A HIVE-AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made this ___ day of _____, 20___, between Bending Branch Farm LLC and _____ hereinafter referred to as the "Host."

1. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

The Bending Branch Farm LLC agrees to place _____ beehive/s on the Host's property. In exchange, the Host shall receive 1 1/2lbs of honey annually, harvested by the Bending Branch Farm LLC.

2. HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Location:

The hive will be placed in a location with morning sun and afternoon shade. The hive will be on a stable and level surface.

b. Once the hive is in place, it will not be moved by anyone other than Bending Branch Farm LLC.

c. Non-Interference: The Host shall not open, disturb, or tamper with the hive for any reason.

d. Care: While the Bending Branch Farm LLC shall be responsible for the maintenance and medication of the bees, the Host should ensure:

- The area around the hive remains free from obstruction.
- No pesticides or harmful chemicals are used near the hive.
- The hive remains where it is unlikely to be disturbed by regular human or animal activity.

e. Notification: The Host shall alert the Bending Branch Farm LLC immediately if:

- They observe any issues with the hive or bees.
- A swarm is sighted.
- The hive displays signs of damage or vandalism.
- There are other concerns related to the beehive's health or security.

3. BENDING BRANCH FARM LLC RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. Honey Harvesting: Bending Branch Farm LLC is solely responsible for harvesting honey from the hives placed on the Host's property. Honey harvested from a Bending Branch Farm LLC, not by a Bending Branch LLC employee, will be treated as theft. Once contents enter the hive, i.e., bees, honey, beeswax, frames, supers, and brood boxes, it becomes the property of Bending Branch Farm LLC.



b. Maintenance: Bending Branch Farm LLC is responsible for the regular care, maintenance, and medication of the beehive and the bees within.

4. LIABILITY:

a. Stings and Injuries: Bending Branch Farm LLC shall not be held liable for any stings or injuries to the Host, their family, guests, pets, or any other person or animal resulting from the beehive placed on the Host's property.

b. Property Damage: Any damage to the Host's property as a direct result of the Bending Branch Farm LLC's negligence will be the responsibility of the Bending Branch Farm LLC.

5. TERMINATION:

Either party may terminate this Agreement with 30 days written notice. Upon termination, Bending Branch Farm LLC shall remove the beehive/s from the Host's property.

6. GOVERNING LAW:

The laws of the state of North Carolina shall govern this Agreement.

7. ENTIRE AGREEMENT:

This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings, and agreements between the parties.

_____	_____	_____
Bending Branch Farm LLC	Host (Signature)	_____
Date: _____	Date: _____	_____
		Hosts' written name & address



BEEHIVE HOSTING CARE INSTRUCTIONS

First and foremost, forager bees are usually too busy searching for pollen and nectar to be bothered by a curious observer or passerby. They will only sting if:

They are stepped on.

They feel threatened.

They are trapped in some way.

- *Bee Fact:* Bees can recognize human faces and remember them. They associate those faces with sweet treats or danger.

2. Safe Distance:

- The hive should be positioned away from regular human activity, pet zones, and high-traffic areas.

- *Bee Fact:* Bees communicate by dancing and using pheromones and prefer only to make right turns when negotiating obstacles.

3. Avoid Chemicals:

- Do not use pesticides, herbicides, or chemicals near the beehive.

- *Bee Fact:* Bees have a strong sense of smell, which they use to find flowers and can detect toxins in flowers.

4. Water Source:

- Provide a shallow water source nearby for bees, especially during hot months.

- *Bee Fact:* Bees are excellent drinkers! They use their long, straw-like tongues to drink from water sources.

5. Keep Area Clear:

- Regularly ensure that the area around the hive is free from any obstructions.

- *Bee Fact:* A bee's wings stroke 11,400 times per minute, which is what makes their buzz!

6. Observe from a Distance:

- Always observe the hive from a safe distance and avoid the hive entrance.

- *Bee Fact:* Bees have five eyes! Three simple eyes on the top of the head and two compound eyes with numerous hexagonal facets.

7. Monitor the Hive:

- Look out for any unusual activities without interfering with the hive.

- *Bee Fact:* Bees can recognize patterns and even count up to four!



8. Be Prepared for Swarms:

- Swarming is a natural bee behavior.
- *Bee Fact:* Swarming is a colony's natural means of reproduction. About 60% of the worker bees in the prime swarm leave the original hive location with the old queen.

9. Educate and Inform:

- Let others know about the beehive in your yard.
- *Bee Fact:* Honeybees are the only bees that die after they sting.

10. Stay Calm:

- If a bee approaches you, remain calm.
- *Bee Fact:* Bees only sting when they feel threatened. Staying calm can prevent most bee stings.

11. Emergency Contacts:

- Keep Bending Branch Farm LLC's contact details handy. In an emergency, call 911.
- *Bee Fact:* There are nearly 20,000 known species of bees in seven recognized biological families.

Remember, while you play an essential role in providing a safe environment, the primary care and honey extraction are up to Bending Branch Farm LLC. Enjoy this unique experience of being a part of nature's incredible world of bees!