

SUN STAR BEES - WES BURCH Beekeeper COMMUNITY SUPPORTED APICULTURE (BEES)

Benefits -

Helping bees to thrive - holistic beekeeping

You get to watch bees and have their vital energy in your yard

Pollination

Requirements -

1. Easy Access - communicate by text, will install a swarm in the early am, friendly dogs
2. The hive(s) need to stay in place, ideally. It's hard to move a hive full of honey.
3. Check in yearly (December) to see if you want to continue hosting bees
4. Call Wes when you see a swarm.
5. If possible, but not necessary, have a tree stump or cement blocks for the hive to sit on.
6. Consider contributing to offset: time, energy, equipment and transport costs (see below)

Honey - Each yard is different and it depends on the age, strength of the colony and other variables how much honey will be harvested from the hive(s) in your yard. There is no standard amount of honey per year (some years there will be none). Also, no 'rent' is paid in honey per year (unless agreed upon in advance). We do sell honey and you can support us by buying honey from us.

Equipment -

1. All hives are Wes' property, unless other arrangements are made. Sometimes you may buy a hive and bees from us (if you fall in love with the bees and take up beekeeping).
2. If Wes is using your hive - then a mentoring arrangement is set up, in advance.
Beekeeping lessons are readily given (paid on a sliding scale).

Methods - Wes uses a natural beekeeping method that takes the bees' nature and needs into account. It will not look like traditional beekeeping. He does not inspect the hives very often, if at all. He also does not use chemicals to treat the hives for mites or etc. He uses physical barriers (reducing the hive entrance) to thwart yellow jackets.

Ways to support Sun Star Bees -

Donations by cash, Venmo or trades