



CMCBA Youth Group Plan

Youth group member ages will range from 6, or first grade, to 17 years of age.

Membership dues will be \$10.00 annually, expiring every December.

Membership includes: 1 monthly business/educational meeting on the first Saturday of the month, 1 monthly on-site hive inspection on the third Saturday of every month, reading material for study, based on the seasonal activity of the hive, and mentorship.

Coveralls, gloves, veils, and hive tools will be provided at the site for paid youth members on a first come-first serve basis. More protective gear will be purchased by the association should the number of members increase. The gear is not to go home with any youth group member.

Monthly hive inspections may be canceled due to inclement weather. Notification of cancellation will be sent out via text, email, or Facebook post. It is the responsibility of the youth group member and their parental figure to provide accurate contact information for this purpose.

Mentors from CMCBA will have taken a basic training in youth protection, will be paired with at least one other mentor, will have a registered apiary, have a minimum of 3 year's beekeeping experience, and will have signed a mentorship agreement.

After one year of mentorship, having participated in no fewer than 6 out of 12 meetings, and 5 out of 12 inspections, the active youth member will be eligible for the next spring's hive grant

Youth members are to be accompanied by a legal guardian at all times, and are not to be dropped off. If the guardian does not wish to be present at the hive inspection, waiting in their vehicle is acceptable. This does not apply to youth group members who are licensed drivers age 16 or older.

CMCBA and its mentors are not liable for injuries including falls or bee stings. Administration of medication is the responsibility of the parent. If an emergency occurs, mentors reserve the right to call emergency personnel.

Membership costs go directly towards the fulfillment of the association's mission statement. **CMCBA Mission Statement:** CMCBA provides educationally based support for new and experienced beekeepers, with a purpose for the continuation of beekeeping as a community-based agricultural effort.

By signing and dating this, the parent agrees to all of the above.
Guardian, print full name and sign with date.