



# HOW TO GROW YOUR BEE PROGRAM



## STEP 05. WELCOME LIVE BEES

Welcome live bees, part-time bees, or implement visits to a local apiary! If you would like to keep the buzz going, ask us about other opportunities to build your bee program such as mentoring between upper and lower grade levels, partnering with a “sister program” to compare bees, or expanding your presence on campus.

## STEP 04. EXPAND YOUR IMPRINT

Every hive needs a healthy habitat! Whether your Bee Club can improve campus conditions or work at a local garden, library, or park system, this is the time to apply what we’ve learned about helping the bees succeed! The “Bee a Friend to Pollinators” lesson plan is a great place to start as a class or Bee Club for establishing habitat.

## STEP 03. CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONALS

It takes a hive! Connect with your community members such as 4-H agents, local beekeeper association members, and farmers for in-person visits and (digital) field trips. Their unique pollinator experiences add to how we are all connected by the bees. These opportunities are an excellent way to weave your larger parent and educator communities in to better understand this program.

## STEP 02. GROW YOUR BEE CLUB

No bee operates alone! A Bee Club provides structure to build support among your student and educator community, and to create an environment for those who want to learn more about bees! Bee Clubs are also known to develop habitat on campus, share buzzworthy updates at home, and learn how to develop beekeeping skills together. No live bees required! See the “How to Build a Bee Club” guide for more details.

## STEP 01. BUILD A BUZZWORTHY FOUNDATION

Every Bee Program, like the hive, needs a strong foundation. We recommend beginning your bee journey with our adaptable lesson plans, activities, and curriculum. Don’t know where to begin? Start your journey with the 6 Week Bee Unit on [www.thebeecause.org](http://www.thebeecause.org).