

# How to Start and Grow Your Bee Program

WITH THE BEE CAUSE PROJECT



## WELCOME TO OER COMMONS!

### Getting started

- Create a free account at [OERcommons.org](https://oercommons.org).
- CLEVER offers additional sign-in options.
- Select Groups at the top of the page at the navigation bar.
- In the drop-down menu, select See All Groups.
- In the search menu, type The Bee Cause Project.
- Click on The Bee Cause Project Icon.
- Click Join This Group.
- You will be admitted into the group within 24-48 hours of the request.

## OVERVIEW OF THE BEE CAUSE PROJECT RESOURCES ON OER COMMONS

If you want to learn how to build a strong foundation for your Bee Program, we've got you covered! Our most successful programs begin with layers of lessons, curriculum, and labs to foster excitement and love of learning about the honey bee and other pollinators. We share exactly How to Start and Grow Your Bee Program! With or without live bees on your campus, we will help to grow a community around your buzzworthy educational endeavors!

The Folders in this Group will provide digital assets including curriculums, virtual field trips with lessons, suggested Citizen Science Projects, book clubs for kids with lessons, and relevant webinars and recordings to help you deliver quality instruction. Many of our offerings have educator guides, are mapped to the standards, and are easily adapted to digital platforms.

We recommend that the educator works through each level of the **How to Start + Grow Your Bee Program Pyramid**, which is found in the first Folder in our Group. Move Folder by Folder, completing the items that are appropriate for your students. The curriculum and virtual field trip lesson plans are geared toward third to fifth-grade students but it can easily be scaled up or down to meet grade-level expectations by the educator. The book club challenges include two levels, the Honeycombers Book Club lessons for first through third graders, and the High Fliers Book Club lessons for third through fifth graders.

### Benefits of The Bee Cause Project Resources on OER Commons

- The materials within each Folder are organized identically for ease of use by the educator.
- The Group is a one-stop-shop for educators who want to teach high-quality pollinator education, whether you have an observation hive or are working towards that goal.
- The offerings within each Folder are either linked to a website or are downloadable and printable.
- There are Educators Guides and/or How To Use guidance provided at each level.
- Common Core Standards and Next Generation Science Standards are attached to curriculums, book club challenges, and virtual field trips.
- OER Commons integrates with **Google Classroom, CLEVER, Moodle, Canvas, Blackboard, EdX, and Schoology.**
- **The Buzz From Our Friends Folder** includes 46 downloadable and printable lessons from [The Edible Schoolyard Project](#). These higher-level activity/labs that are also mapped to the standards and modifiable for younger students.
- **The Buzz From Our Friends Folder** also includes 85 additional labs, lesson plans, activities, and more from the Insect Collection OER Group provided by members of the [Entomologist Society of America](#).

### START HERE!

- Begin by familiarizing yourself with the first Folder, **A Welcome Note from The Bee Cause Project** including the **How to Start + Grow Your Bee Program Pyramid**.
- Open **Step 01. Build a Buzzworthy Foundation Folder**, download, and print each available resource for your personal use and planning.
- Create short-range planning that works for your students to implement this first layer of the pyramid.
- Continue to work through the Folders in order, selecting the materials that work for your community.
- These materials are intended to extend beyond one year in the classroom.
- Utilize the additional resources from **The Buzz From Our Friends Folder** as needed to supplement your planning.