

First Year Bee Yard Information

We have bee yard rules that are in place for your safety. Please review these rules before visiting the bee yard.

1. No one under the age of 5 years old is to be present at the bee yard.
2. Long sleeved, light colored clothing that covers arms and legs to the ankles – blue jeans are fine, not black. Black is the color of a bear and upsets the bees.
3. Closed toed shoes and socks or boots to protect feet from possible stings.
4. You must have your own clean veil and protective clothing. Non-beekeeper visitors at the First Year Bee Yard may borrow one of the loaner veils and shirts (if available).
5. **Leave your hive tool, gloves and smoker at home.** We have hive tools for each of the hives. These are provided to minimize transferring diseases from one location to another. We have Vinyl or Nitrile gloves available for all that desire gloves. **DO BRING YOUR VEIL.**
6. **NO cologne or aftershave – no smells.** Pay attention to the scent of your soap, detergent, fabric softener, shampoo, hair products, after shave. All these draw bees to hang around you.

WEATHER: Temperature below 50 – don't come. Raining – if it is raining everywhere – don't come. Many times it is raining in one area and OSU is dry. **Tornado Warning – don't come**

The Facebook page is [OSU First Year Bee Yard](#) to get short notice cancellations out to people. This can also be used to ask questions with phone photos about what is happening to your hive. There are a number of people who will be monitoring it to answer your questions as quickly as possible. This page is a closed group. It is open to all the COBA members. Just let Kevin know you are a member of COBA or have taken Bee School. Kevin will respond to you with a welcome and a questionnaire. Please reply to the questionnaire to become a member of the group.