

Boy Scouts of America
Care of Christopher Stowell
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Dear Boy Scouts of America:

I would like to express my support for Christopher Stowell's efforts to encourage Boy Scouts of America to reinstate the Beekeeping Merit Badge. Beekeeping is part of America's heritage, and honeybees play a critical role in many aspects of agriculture. Also, beekeeping is a safe and fun activity.

Although there are many beekeepers in the United States, there are fewer beekeepers today than at any time during the last hundred years. It is important that we expose young people to beekeeping. As a country, we need to expose a new generation of young people to beekeeping to carry on this important activity. Having the Boy Scouts of America reinstate the Beekeeping Merit Badge would promote beekeeping and would provide a fun learning experience for the involved scouts.

Boy Scouts of America may worry that, if it reinstates the Beekeeping Merit Badge, there would not be enough beekeepers to act as mentors. I am certain that if BSA reinstates the merit badge, mentors will be available. Although there are not as many beekeepers as there used to be, it is now easier than ever for scouts to locate mentors who would teach what is needed for scouts to obtain a merit badge. Among other methods, any scout who is interested could go to a website such as Beesource.com and find a beekeeping club or local beekeeper to act as a mentor. Also, I personally would make myself available to act as mentor to interested scouts in my area.

Sincerely,

Name

Date

Address