November 2, 2026

Dear Friends,

I am writing on behalf of The Beekeepers of Indiana (TBoI) and Eastern Apicultural Society (EAS) to invite your organization or school to participate in a creative fundraising initiative. TBoI is a non-profit organization that promotes education, collaboration, and advocacy for beekeepers in the State of Indiana and beyond. EAS is a non-profit founded in 1955 for the promotion of bee culture, education of beekeepers, certification of Master Beekeepers, and excellence in bee research. **We are looking for local schools and non-profits to paint and decorate wooden beehives, which will be auctioned at our annual EAS conference in Plainfield, Indiana in July 2027.**

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your team's creativity while raising funds for your organization. **100% of the proceeds generated from the auction of your painted hive will go directly back to your non-profit or school group.**

- **We Provide the Hive:** We will supply your organization with a standard assembled wooden beehive body to use as your canvas. The hive body has been primed and is ready to be painted. [Please do not paint the inside of the hive and do not remove the identification sticker.]
- **You Provide the Creativity:** We ask that your students, volunteers, or artists paint the hive with a **regional theme celebrating your area**. Please ensure the design contains no offensive, obscene, political, or overtly religious scenes. Outdoor paints should be used.
- **The Auction:** The finished hives will be prominently displayed and auctioned during the EAS conference in July 2027. The most impactful designs generate the most interest and dollars.
- **The Payout:** Every dollar raised from your specific hive's auction will be awarded directly to your organization in August 2027 to support your mission or programs.

If your school or non-profit is interested in partnering with us for this fun and impactful project, please let us know by December 1, 2026, so we can arrange the delivery of your hive.

Thank you for your time, dedication to our community, and support of local apiculture!

Warm regards,

David Hocutt,
President TBoI, Vice President EAS

EXAMPLES







