

EFOB and Bee Safety and Expectations

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Above all else, work safely.

1 When working in the field with honeybees:

1. All personnel working in the vicinity of honey bee colonies will use proper PPE. I expect the minimum PPE (a veil with closed shoes) at all times and the maximum is strongly encouraged (a full bee suite with a mesh head, gloves, and closed shoes) to reduce chances of experiencing bee stings.
2. Undergrads are not to work alone (even in teams) at EFOB. A graduate student, Krispn Given, or Dr. Harpur must be present
3. At least two individuals must be present when handling bee colonies at all times.
4. Each team will be equipped with an epi-pen (in case of a rare anaphylactic reaction resulting from a bee sting).
5. The team will be equipped with a cellular phone to facilitate contact in cases of emergency.
6. The team will use appropriate practice while working with colonies (as per training session)
7. The team will finish each day with a tick check
8. Prior to leaving the apiary, you will clean up anything you used. The field lab is to be left tidy.
9. Any emergency will be reported to Dr. Harpur and Krispn Given when it is safe to do so

2 Misc Expectations:

1. If you are student and have planned an experiment that overlaps with a weekend or you are working alone , you must text Dr. Harpur when you arrive and leave the field
2. The lab truck is for general lab use only. If you need it, please communicate with each other to coordinate
3. To prevent raccoons from entering EFOB please, 1) close all external doors after 4:30pm and 2) call Tammy to remove the dumpster when it is full

4. All visitors to EFOB must wear PPE if within 10 ft of colonies.

If you feel uncomfortable working in the field, if you are uncomfortable with an instruction in the field, or if you are uncertain how to do something in the field you have the right and responsibility to stop and ask for help.