

Bee City School Application Form



Wintergreen Studios

Ontario

A) School Information:

School Wintergreen Studios

Address 90 Wintergreen Lane (formerly 9780 Canoe Lake Road)

City Township of South Frontenac

Province/Territory Ontario

Postal Code N/A (no mail service to our site) Phone 613 273 8745

Mailing Address PO Box 75, Yarker, ON, Canada, K0K 3N0

B) Applicant Information:

Name Jess Pelow

Position Project Coordinator

Email info@wintergreenstudios.com Phone 613 273 8745

C) Becoming a Bee City School

Briefly summarize why your school should become a Bee City School (add/remove lines as needed).

Our educational centre focuses on living simply, mindfully, and sustainably. We are conscious of pollinator wellbeing and the global crisis facing our pollinators. Recently, we have launched Project Bee to raise awareness of the importance of bees through educational programming at our new apiary. We are also committed to keeping Wintergreen naturalized and are surrounded by large tracts of meadow with native wildflower species. These offer a perfect teaching space for learning about pollinators and for getting students outside, interacting with the incredible natural world around them.

D) Commitments and Actions

In order to enhance the understanding of the students and staff about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, the applicant agrees to meet the following commitments required of all Bee City Schools:

1. **Adopt this Bee City Canada Resolution. (see Section F)**
2. **Create a Bee City Pollinator Team.** The team which will be responsible for the Bee City program at your school. We recommend a committee of at least two teachers/instructors and two students as well as parent(s) and caretaking staff if possible. Expand table to add more rows, as needed.

Name	Role
Rena Uptis	President and Instructor
Monica Capovilla	Program Director and Instructor
Jess Pelow	Project Coordinator and Instructor
Alex Pedersen	Beekeeper/Caretaker

3. **Develop a Pollinator Habitat Action Plan:** Outline any initiatives which aim to improve, maintain or create new habitat for pollinators. Examples could include planting a locally native pollinator garden at your school or in the local community. Describe your plans for habitat and include a plant list.
 - Enhance **native plantings** in the Wintergreen gardens to support pollination. Our established gardens attract hummingbirds and butterflies and are also bee-friendly, so our aim with Project Bee is to supplement existing plantings with such species as hyssop, snowberry, stonecrop, carpet geranium, and wallflower.
4. **Promote Education about Pollinators:** Outline any initiatives aimed at educating students, staff, volunteers, parents and/or the local community about pollinators.
 - As part of Project Bee, we have partnered with the Limestone Beekeepers' Guild to run workshops at Wintergreen about bees and beekeeping. We have just completed the third workshop in a 4-part workshop series for 2019 and have plans to add additional workshops in 2020. While these workshops focus on our

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hives at Wintergreen, it is a springboard for participants to start asking questions about wild bees and learning more about our local pollinators.

- We have also committed to partnering with a minimum of 3 local schools, to assist them in becoming Bee City Schools. This will include assisting with their Bee City Canada applications, offering lessons on bees, and helping them reach the goals they have set out to become a pollinator-friendly space.
- Working with the Limestone Beekeepers' Guild, we intend to set up a virtual classroom to offer videos on bees for those who cannot reach our site. This project will begin in 2020.

5. **Celebrate Pollinators:** Tell us about how your school will celebrate National Pollinator Week and/or participate in other pollinator-themed events.

- Each spring, Wintergreen hosts a 5-day annual Land Art BioBlitz, where elementary and secondary school students come to our site to learn about local species. We intend to celebrate pollinators during this event through workshops and other learning experiences that invite students to meet the pollinators that live at Wintergreen. Guest instructors who specialize in the natural history of pollinators will be invited to share their enthusiasm and knowledge with the students on site.
- Throughout the year, we will also participate in a citizen science project (TBD) on the health of local bee populations. We will celebrate pollinators by posting updates/photos of the species we monitor on social media and encourage the community to get to know the bees in their backyard.

E) Other Requirements

1. Publicly acknowledge receiving your Bee City School designation through your website, social media and by displaying Bee City Canada signage in a prominent location.
2. Annually apply to renew your Bee City School designation. A renewal application will be sent to you.

F) Resolution and Signature

WHEREAS the goal of Bee City Canada is to promote healthy, biodiverse habitats in communities across Canada.

THAT bees and other pollinators around the globe have experienced dramatic declines due to habitat loss, use of pesticides, industrialized agriculture, climate change and the spread of pests and diseases, with serious implications for the future health of plants, reptiles, birds, insects, mammals and humans; and

THAT schools have the opportunity to take actions to support pollinators by creating healthy habitats within their grounds and the broader community; and

THAT supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness, increases interactions and engagement in the school and reminds of our responsibilities to take care of mother earth for future generations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Wintergreen Studios accepts the designation and commits to the 3 pillars of the Bee City Canada Program; creating healthy biodiverse pollinator habitat, educating whenever possible and celebrating.

Approved and adopted this

12th day of September, 2019.



Signature of Principal/Official:

Please print Principal/Official's name: Rena Upitis

Submitted by: Jess Pelow **Date:** September 12, 2019

G) Requested Attachments

With your completed application, please provide:

1. Your school logo (in png format) and usage guidelines.

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2. A short 50-100 word write-up of why it's important to become a Bee City School.
Include photos if possible and ensure there is parental permission. This will help us share the exciting news through our social media outlets.

Send your completed application to: applications@beecitycanada.org.