

## Apiary Program – Bee Keeping Technician

**Job Description:** Duties will include but are not limited to

- Attend Pierce County Bee Keepers Association trainings, and other trainings as necessary
- Set up new bee hives
- Build, repair, and maintain bee boxes and bee hive equipment
- Clean all equipment and hives to prevent the spread of disease
- Maintain vegetation in front of and around bee boxes to prevent interruption of the hive's pathway
- Inspect hives for overall health, including looking for diseases, fungi, pests, or other potentially harmful organisms
- Maintain a clean and healthy surrounding for bees
- Feed bees as necessary, especially during winter months when nectar is limited or unavailable
- Maintain constant watch on the queen bee to ensure overall health of bee hive
- Harvest honey and beeswax when applicable
- Record and track data on bee colonies to ensure long term overall health, and be able to track any changes that may result in necessary changes to improve bee colony health
- Harvest bee hive products, such as, but not limited to, bee pollen, wax, honey, etc.

**Location:** Auburn, WA and Tomanamus Forest

**Time:** 5- 10 hours a week

**Salary:** \$15-\$17/hr DOE

**Level:** Entry level position, no experience required

**Perquisites:**

- Enrolled Muckleshoot tribal member and/or community member
- Be committed to safety
- Wear all required and necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) when working with or around bees
- Able to build relationships and work with bee keeping mentor
- Be able to lift up to 50 lbs, work in inclement weather, use hand and/or power tools, and stay on feet for duration of work
- Organized, dependable, and committed to bee hive health and wellbeing
- Any previous experience with bee keeping, honey, or beeswax harvesting preferred but not required
- Valid driver's license preferred
- All equipment, PPE, and hives will be provided

**To apply:** Please email [hdruffel@hnrg.com](mailto:hdruffel@hnrg.com) if interested in applying. Please provide resume and cover letter.