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## Girl Scout Creates a Buzz at Valley Crest with Her Honeybees!

LEBANON, NJ - Did you know that honeybees are the only insect that humans raise for food and medicine? Did you know that honeybees are the most important pollinator in the world? Do you know the difference between a bee and a wasp and that honeybees rarely sting? And how is honey actually made from those hives?

Answers to these questions and more will be answered at our next program for kids and families, "Meet the Honeybees at Valley Crest," on Saturday, August 13, 9:30-11:00 am. Anneliese Molzen, a student at North Hunterdon High School, has established two honeybee hives at Valley Crest for her Girl Scout Gold Award. Anneliese will explain the wondrous world of honeybees, take you on a mini-hike, locate worker bees on flowers, teach you how pollination works, and even have you take part in candlewax making (with the wax that comes from honeycombs).

Bob Kloss, an experienced beekeeper, will show you an observation hive to see these fascinating creatures up close and at work. Honeybee pollinators are an indispensable natural resource in agriculture and healthy ecosystems, and farmers and beekeepers are on the front line in playing a critical role for their survival. As a fruit farm that depends on pollinators, Valley Crest is very excited to offer this educational and fun program to the public and glad that Anneliese chose us to host her bee colonies.

Valley Crest Farm & Preserve, a nonprofit organization, grows and donates fresh produce to help people in need, maintains its farm and forest for education and recreation, and encourages respect for farms and nature. It is located at 14 Allerton Road, Lebanon, NJ. The fee for this program is \$5.00 per child under 12; parents are free. To register, see <a href="www.valleycrestfarmnj.org">www.valleycrestfarmnj.org</a> or email <a href="mailto:info@valleycrestfarmnj.org">info@valleycrestfarmnj.org</a>