WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION, AND MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION

(INCLUDING COVID-19)

1. EXCULPATORY CLAUSE. In consideration for receiving permission to participate in any and all activities of __Beekeeping Field Day_____ ("activity"), which is sponsored by __Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service ___ ("sponsor"), a member of The Texas A&M University System, I hereby release, waive, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes sponsor, The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents for The Texas A&M University System, and their members, officers, agents, volunteers, or employees ("RELEASEES" or "INDEMNITEES") from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by me while participating in this activity, while traveling to and from the activity, or while on the premises owned, leased, or controlled by RELEASEES, ***including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, gross negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, intentional torts,or strict liability of RELEASEES.***

2. INDEMNITY CLAUSE. I am fully aware that there are inherent risks to myself and others involved with this activity, including but not limited to bee stings, risks of wearing bee suit, risks from walking to hives_, and I choose to voluntarily participate in this activity with full knowledge that the activity may be hazardous to me and my property, and to the person and property of others. I acknowledge there may be physically strenuous activities. I know of no medical reason why I should not participate. ***I agree to indemnify and hold harmless INDEMNITEES*** from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, which may occur to myself, other participants, and third-persons as a result of my participation and conduct in this activity, ***including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, gross negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, intentional torts, or strict liability of INDEMNITEES.***

3. COVID-19. I expressly acknowledge the health risks and dangers associated with the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, and other communicable diseases, and recognize that exposure to the COVID-19 virus, or other communicable diseases, could occur while my child is in the care of sponsor. As such, and as additional consideration for participation in the activity, I understand the waiver and indemnity provisions in paragraphs (1) and (2) above apply to the possibility of COVID-19 community spread. ***I certify*** that *prior* to leaving my child in the care of the sponsor that my child: (a) has not been diagnosed or is suspected to have COVID 19, (b) does not have any of the coronavirus symptoms listed on the CDC's Symptoms of Coronavirus page, (c) has not in the past 14 days had close contact (less than six feet) with a person who has a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19, (d) has not in the past 14 days had close (less than six feet) contact with a person who is awaiting results of a COVID-19 test because of COVID-19 symptoms or exposure, or (e) in the past 14 days has not returned from international travel or traveled through an area with state or local restrictions that mandate quarantine upon arrival home. I also certify that each time I leave my child in the care of the sponsor, I have conducted a daily assessment on my child and that he/she is not exhibiting any of the above signs or symptoms of, or exposure to, COVID-19.

4. NO INSURANCE. I understand that RELEASEES do not maintain any insurance policy covering any circumstance arising from my participation in this activity or any event related to that participation. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance coverage. Sponsor does not carry general liability insurance to cover claims arising from this activity so it seeks a waiver of claims as additional consideration for the right to participate so sponsor, a governmental unit of the State of Texas, can (a) provide the activity at the lowest possible cost to participants; and (b) provide access to a greater number of participants by expending limited resources on program materials rather than on liability insurance.

5. BINDS HEIRS. It is my express intent that this agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, if I am deceased, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

6. MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION, INDEMNITY FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES, and WAIVER. I understand RELEASEES cannot be expected to control all of the risks associated with this activity and RELEASEES may need to respond to accidents and potential emergency situations. Therefore, I hereby give my consent for any medical treatment that may be required, as determined by a medical professional at the medical facility, during my participation in this activity with the understanding that the cost of any such treatment will be my responsibility. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless INDEMNITEES for any costs incurred to treat me, even if an INDEMNITEE has signed hospital documentation promising to pay for the treatment due to my inability to sign the documentation. I further agree to release, waive, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes, RELEASEES from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by me while receiving medical care or in deciding to seek medical care, including while traveling to and from a medical care facility, ***including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, gross negligence, statutory fault, intentional torts,or strict liability of RELEASEES.***

7. In the event of a dispute over the meaning or application of this agreement, it shall be construed fairly and reasonably and neither more strongly for nor against either party.

8. VOLUNTARY SIGNATURE. In signing this agreement I acknowledge and represent that I have read it, understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; sponsor has not made and I have not relied on any oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the terms contained in this agreement. I execute this document for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same, now and in the future. **For students engaging in extracurricular activities:** I understand I can choose not to sign this document and free myself from its terms and the associated risks of the activity by simply not participating in the activity and choosing some other activity available to me that has a lower level of risk to me. I further understand this is a voluntary, extracurricular activity; therefore it is not required for me to obtain college credits and not participating in this activity will in no way hinder my ability to obtain a degree from the university. **For students going on fieldtrips or other class-related activities:** I understand participation in this class/fieldtrip/activity is not mandatory and I will not be penalized for failing to participate in this activity because an alternative activity exists for which I can receive like credit. While I understand alternative activities are available to me that do not have the risks associated with this activity I still desire to voluntarily engage in this activity.

SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT INVOLVES THE WAIVER OF VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS.
CONSULT YOUR ATTORNEY BEFORE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 2024_____.

Participant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Participant's Date of Birth: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____
(If Participant is under 18 years old)

Parent or Legal Guardian Printed Name: _____
(If Participant is under 18 years old)

INSTRUCTIONS: (1) The document should be printed in a font size no smaller than 10-point type. This is 10-point type. This is 12-point type. (2) The formatting/font style (***bolded, underlined, and italicized***) in paragraph nos. 1, 2, & 6 should not be altered.