

**Beekeepers Association of Southern California (BASC)**  
**Membership Application**  
 Annual dues are \$8 per year

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Please mail your completed application form along with your check (made out to:

**Beekeepers Association of Southern California)** to:

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4th Thursday of each month  
 At 7pm in the Resource Center  
 City of La Mirada Civic Center  
 13710 La Mirada Blvd.  
 La Mirada, CA 90638 (562) 943-7277  
 Refreshments Served  
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**Are you a Beekeeper?**  
**Interested in Beekeeping?**  
**Want to Increase the Yield of your Orchard or Garden?**

We invite you to attend our next meeting, the 4th Thursday of each month.

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**Es Ud. Apicultor?**  
**Tiene Ud. Interes en Apicultura?**  
**Quisiera Mejorar la Produccion de su Huerta o Jardin?**  
 Le invitamos a Ud. A atender nuestra proxima reunion, el cuarto Jueves del mes.

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The **Beekeepers Association of Southern California** has been around since 1980, with members from all over Southern California, including: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. Our members range from professional beekeepers to beginners and hobbyists with only a few hives, to interested folks with no hives at all.

**What does BASC do?** At our monthly meetings we have guest speakers, topical discussions, demonstrations, videos, etc., to help our members keep up on the latest developments in beekeeping, and address questions or problems they may have. The meetings also allow our members to network, swap information, mentor new beekeepers, and plan occasional field trips.

One of our goals is to educate the public about bees, beekeeping, and the wonderful products made by the bees. The beneficial aspects of honey to human health as well as the pollination essential to our world food supply has brought beekeeping back into the spotlight. Every year since 1997, we have presented a popular exhibit at the Los Angeles County Fair on “Bees and Honey” jointly with other beekeepers associations.

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## Why are Honeybees and Beekeeping Important?

Honeybees do much more than just make honey. One third of the U.S. diet depends on honeybee pollination. Honeybees provide 80% of pollination for vegetable, fruit, seed, and flower crops. They also pollinate the forage crops fed to dairy and meat animals. In this way, they add at least \$10 billion to the value of more than 90 U.S. crops. Honeybees also provide \$150 million in honey each year, and at least another \$50 million in beeswax used in cosmetics, polish, and candles.

## Why Choose Beekeeping as a Hobby or Profession?

Beekeeping truly is one of the worlds oldest professions, closely linked to the development of agriculture in Europe, Africa, and Asia. Though we have learned much about how honey bees accomplish such amazing things, each new discovery leads to new questions to ask, and new secrets to explore.

Beekeeping engages the mind and benefits the physical health of people of all ages and walks of life. It is an interesting and productive outdoor avocation. The level of physical activity required can be as mild or as rigorous as you like. The hive products can benefit your health. And the delicious honey produced from just a few hives can produce extra income.

Working with the seasons of the hive can “put you in tune” with the complexities of our plant world and with the seasons and cycles of nature.

For example, honey made from the nectar of each type of flower has a distinct color and flavor. So the color and taste change during the year as different flowering plants fulfill their life cycles.

Honeybee products have been valued for thousands of years for their nutrition and health benefits, and for their medicinal uses (and may other uses as well).

**Honey** is one of the oldest known medicines, revered by the ancient Egyptians for its healing properties. Hypocrites, the Greek “Father of Medicine,” used honey in many of his prescriptions.

**Royal Jelly**, a hormone-rich immune system enhancer, has been used for centuries by the Chinese as the secret of a long, healthy, youthful life.

**Pollen** has long been highly regarded for its concentrated, energizing nutrients and as an anti-inflammatory.

**Propolis** is such an effective antibacterial that it was used in the Egyptian mummification process as a preservative.

**Beeswax** is a standard base for many medicinal ointments and nourishing skin creams (and dozens of other fascinating uses).

Even one colony of honeybees can substantially increase production from your fruit trees and vegetable and flower gardens. Sale of excess honey can more than pay for your hobby. And just think of the pride you will feel at presenting gifts of your own pure, natural, delicious and beautiful honey to you friends and family!

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