West Virginia beekeepers rent colonies to orchards all across the United States.

Bees pollinate up to 87 million pounds of apples in West Virginia each season!

Young Beekeeper's Coloring Book

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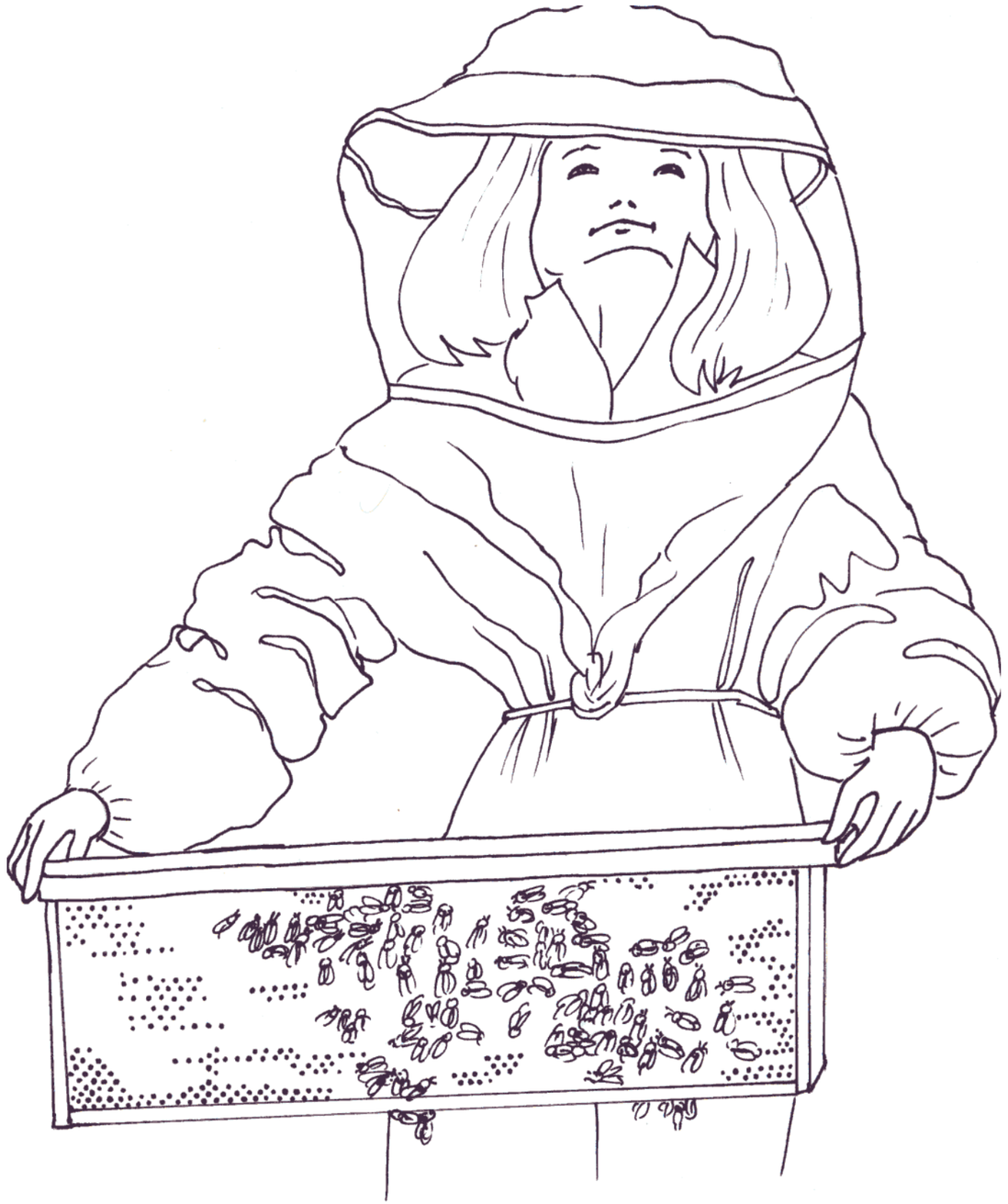
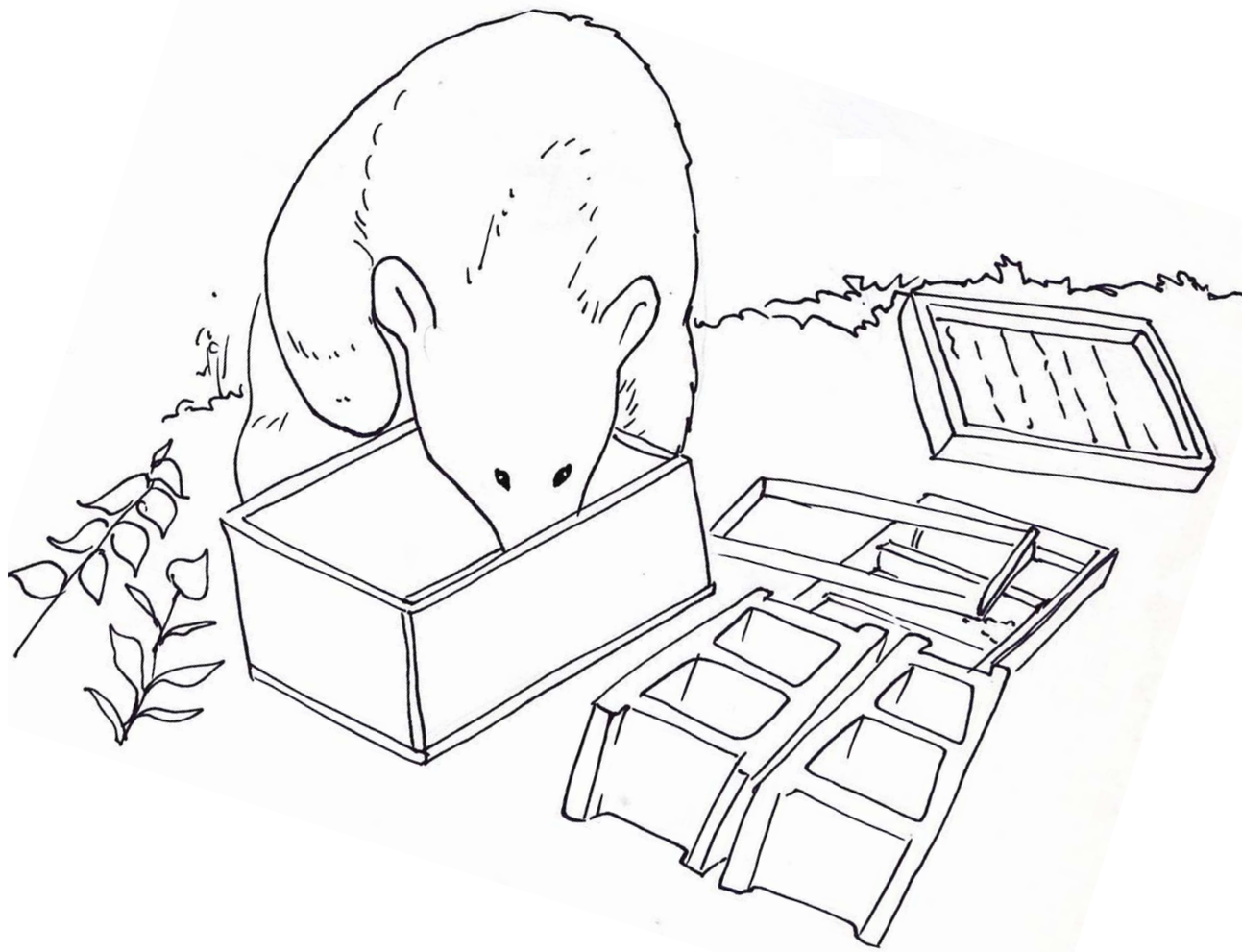


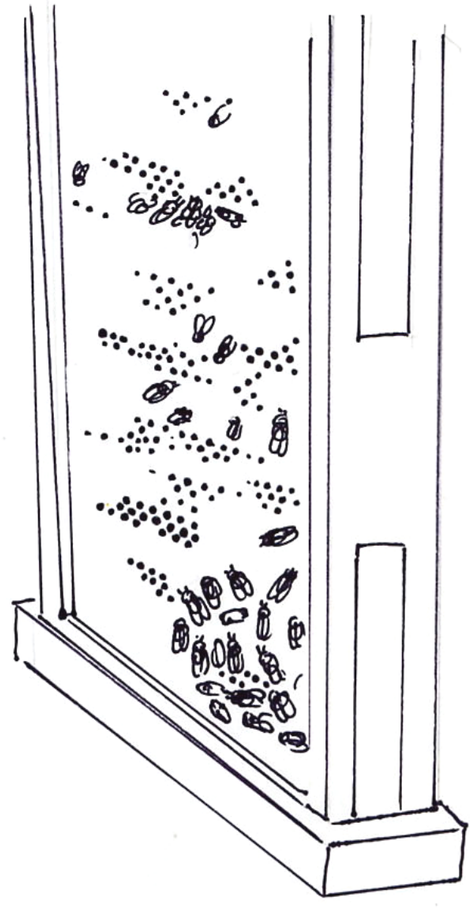
The black bear is the most serious predator of bee hives in West Virginia.

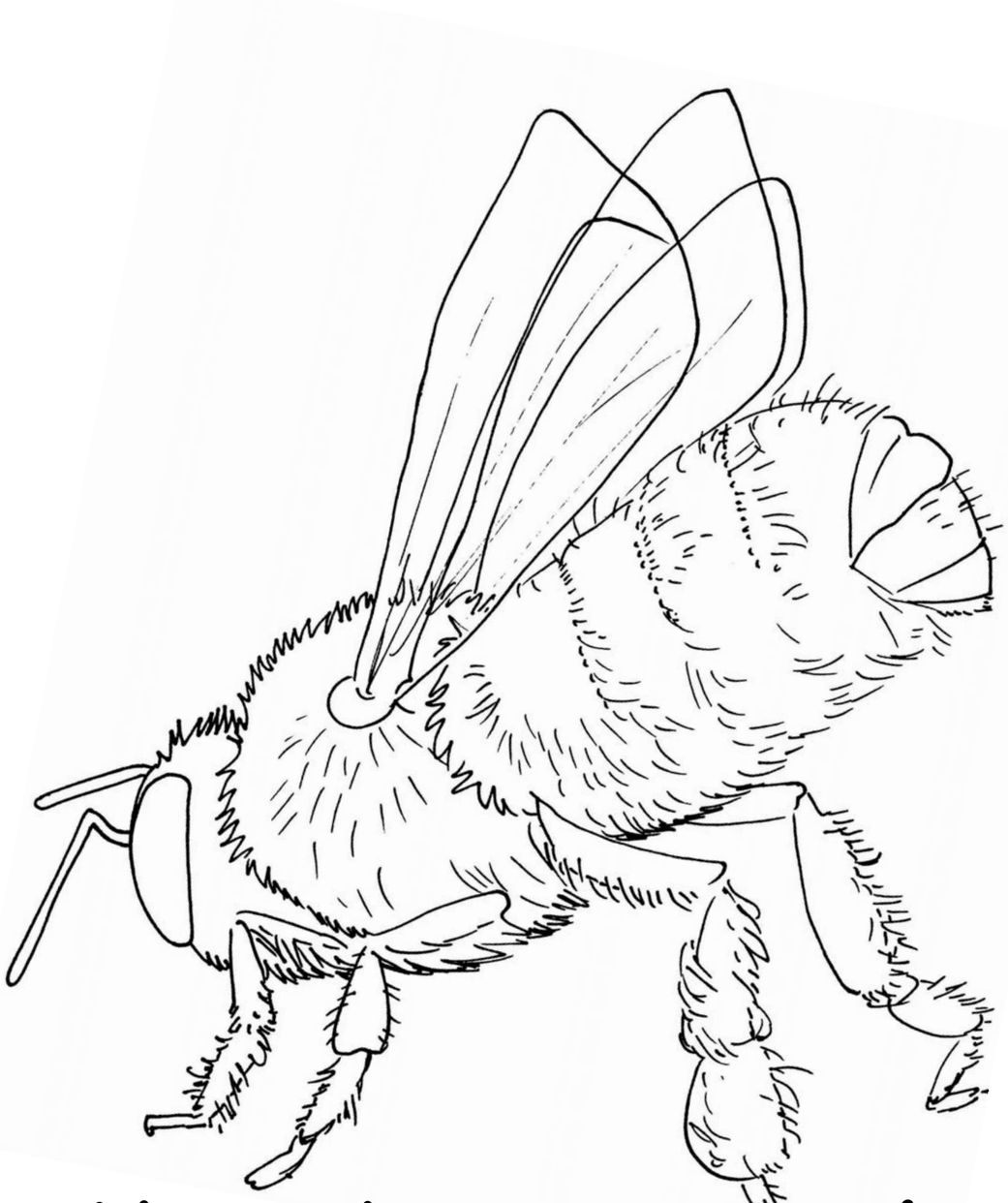


Beekeepers come in all ages and genders.

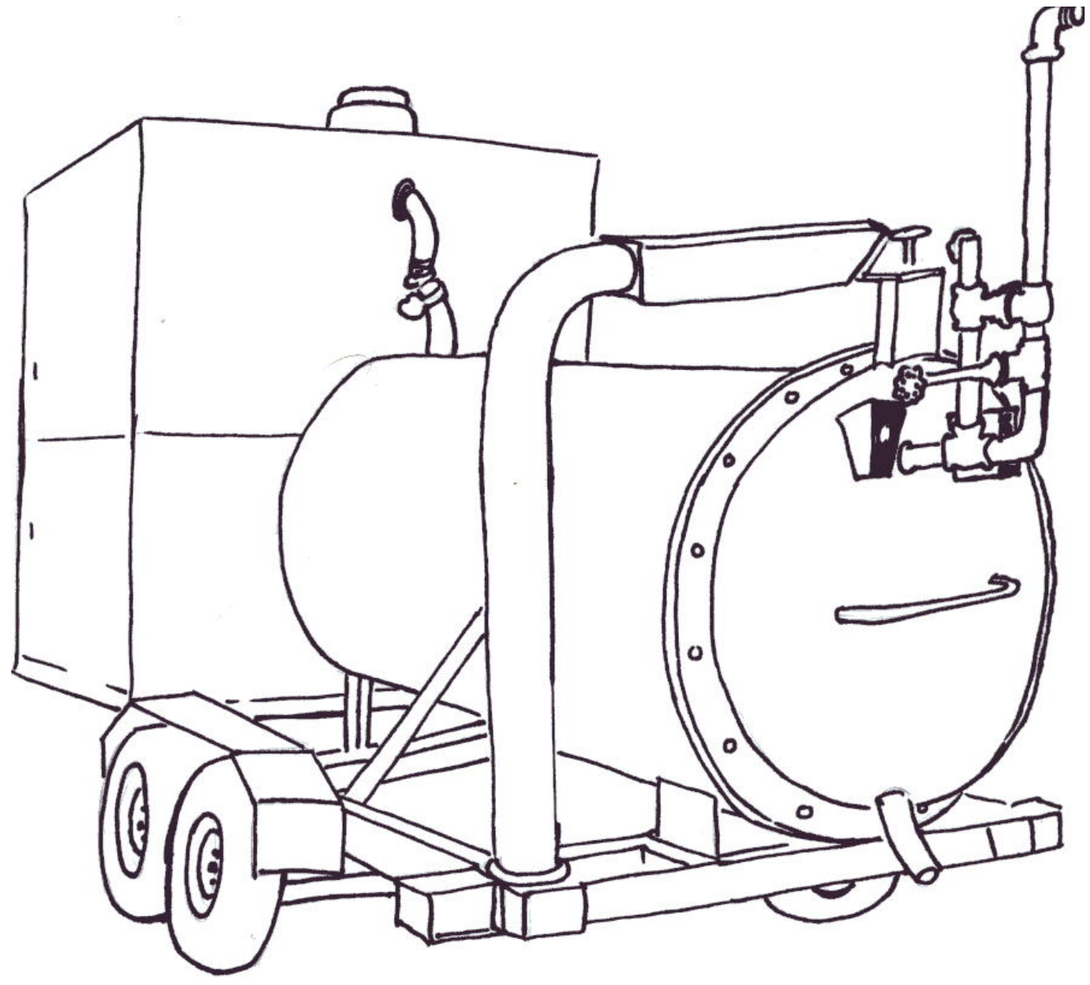
Skunks can cause serious damage to bee hives placed too low to the ground.

Observation hives help introduce beekeeping to young people.





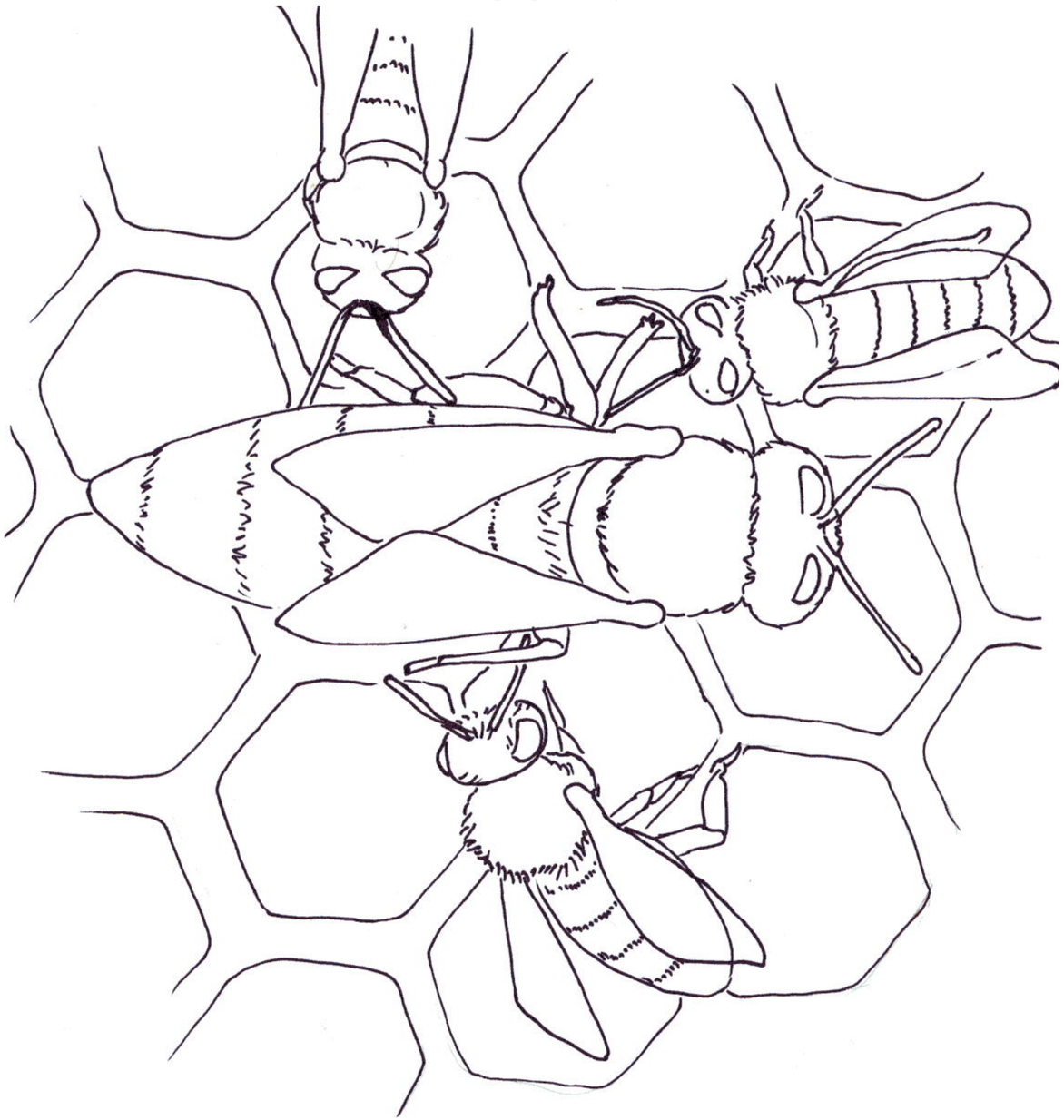
Honey bees communicate through dances and scents.

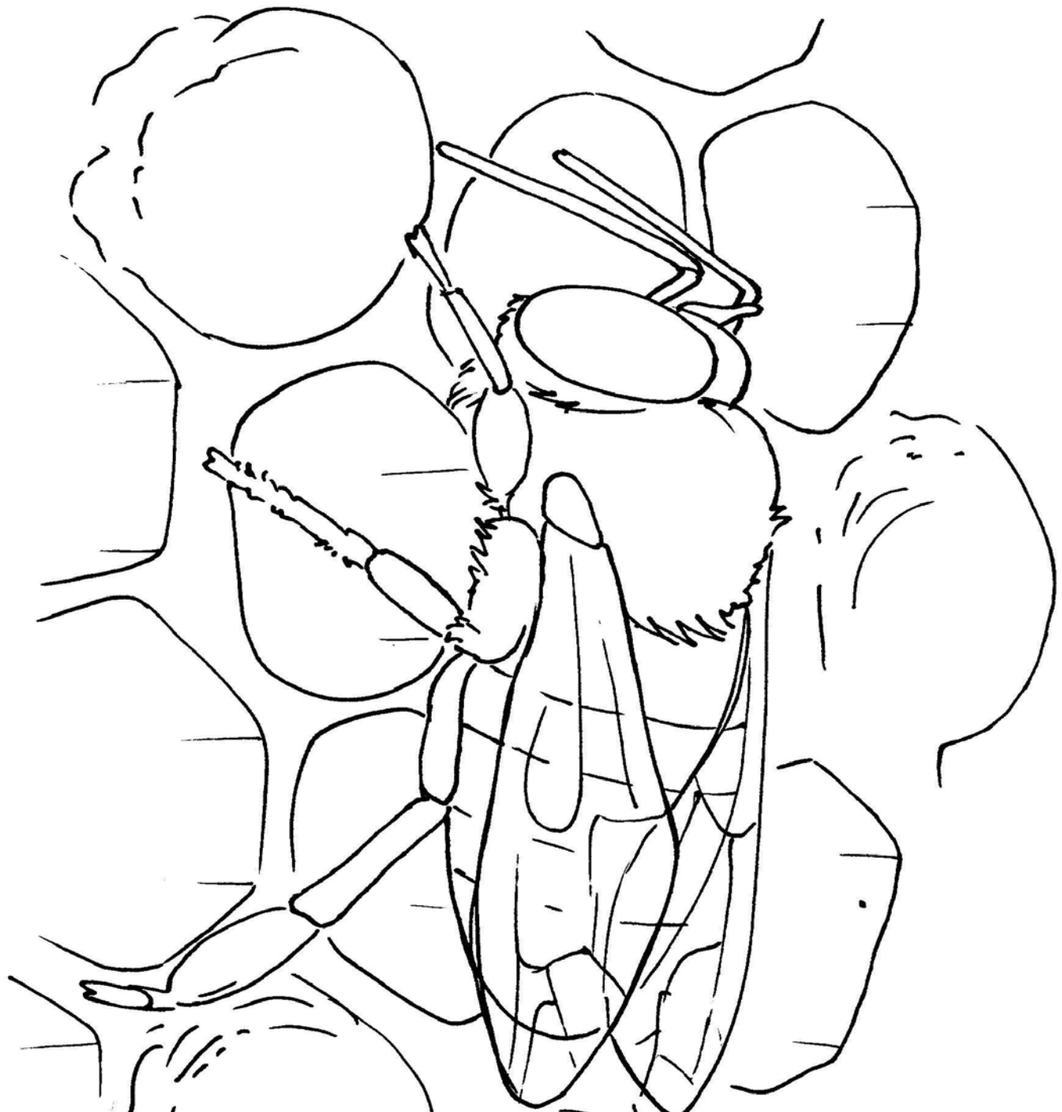


This Autoclave helps fight *American Foulbrood* disease in bee hives.

Tulip poplar requires insect pollinators to reproduce by seed.

The queen honey bee can live up to 5 years and is able to lay 1500 eggs per day.





The drone is the only male honey bee in the hive and plays an important role in reproduction.

Static electricity causes pollen to cling to the hairs of the bee's body.