JOB DESCRIPTION

**TITLE:** Seasonal Apiarist  
**STATUS OF EMPLOYMENT:** Seasonal – Up to 6 months  
**SALARY CLASSIFICATION:** Hourly – Grade C $12.00 - $15.00  
**BENEFITS:** Public Employment Retirement System (OPERS)  
**PROFILE:** Assigned to the Conservation Department

We are looking to hire a skilled beekeeper to raise and care for our honeybee colonies. As a beekeeper, you will be responsible for growing and maintaining beehives, inducting wild swarms, collecting and processing honey, removing hive parasites and maintaining the health of the hive.

To ensure success as a beekeeper, you should have a passion for beekeeping, the ability to stay calm under pressure, enjoy working independently, and a desire to work outdoors. Ultimately, a top-class beekeeper maintains healthy hives and produces high-quality honeybee products.

**Duties include:**
- Performing routine hive checks to maintain growing colonies.
- Collecting and processing honey
- Performing mite checks and treatments in a timely manner.
- Splitting colonies to produce more hives for the parks using the OTS method.
- Transporting small colonies of live bees to other metro parks.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**
- High school diploma or GED.
- Degree in zoology or animal science preferred.
- Proven work experience as a beekeeper.
- Ability to remain calm in stressful situations.
- Ability to lift heavy objects.
- Ability to work flexible hours.
- Ability to work unsupervised.
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Not allergic to honeybee stings.

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:** Must be 18 years or older and successfully complete a one-month probationary period. Must be self-motivated, able to work independently, in all weather conditions and carry light field equipment (40 pounds) for extended periods. Must be
available nights and weekends as needed to complete job assignments.

CONTACT: Send application to employment@summitmetroparks.org. Phone calls will not be accepted.

CLOSING DATE: Open until filled.