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**The Private Lives of Bees! A Close Up Look At What The Buzz Is All About!**  
**Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**Schwenksville, PA (April 27, 2015)** – As the weather warms up and the days lengthen, honey bee hives everywhere are starting to become more active. The Queen bees begin laying eggs that will soon grow the hive population in preparation for the busy summer months ahead. Join the staff at Pennypacker Mills on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Classroom Building for a lively, interactive discussion about the private lives of honey bees. This is a free program for adults only.

Participants will learn fun facts about bees. Bees are born with all the knowledge they need to do their job. Honeycombs are designed to hold the maximum amount of honey with the least amount of wax production. Bees communicate with each other when they've found a good source of nectar and pollen with a "round dance," and information about location and distance is shared with a "waggle dance."

Pennypacker Mills' resident beekeeper will delve into how bees reproduce. Due to this aspect of the talk, this program is for adults only.

Beekeeping equipment will be on display and there will be a question and answer period too. Don't miss this chance to discover the fascinating world of honey bees and how important they are to the pollination of most fruits and vegetables, and thus the food supply. Participants will also find out how they can help bees to not just survive, but thrive. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 610-287-9349.

Pennypacker Mills is located at 5 Haldeman Road, Schwenksville, PA. The site is operated by the Montgomery County Division of Parks, Trails, and Historic Sites and is open year-round for guided

tours, seasonal events, educational programs, changing exhibits, workshops, and special programs.  
Visit Pennypacker Mills online at: [www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills](http://www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills).