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Pennypacker Mills presents: Saving Our Bees and What You Can do to Help

Schwenksville, PA (April 10, 2019) – Bees are a big deal. These small, unsung heroes of the planet work hard to keep our food web functioning. One in every three bites of food we eat is courtesy of pollination and 85% of flowering plants and trees rely on pollinators for survival. Come to Pennypacker Mills on Saturday, May 11, from 10 am to 12 pm in the Classroom Building to hear a special presentation on how you can help bees survive.

Many people are concerned about the decline of honey bee populations. All bee species face similar stress factors from poor nutrition due to a lack of flowers or pesticide exposure, parasites and diseases. It's important to understand the pollinator- plant relationship because it directly affects our food.

Bee keeper Scott Famous will present a special program on what we all can do to help bees survive and thrive. Weather permitting, Scott will bring along a live hive (totally enclosed) so that families can see what the Queen, drones and worker bees look like. Everyone will have a chance to ask questions and also purchase some honey from the Pennypacker Mills hives. Afterward stop by the mansion for a guided tour. Both the bee program and mansion tour are FREE.

Pennypacker Mills is located at 5 Haldeman Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473. It is operated by the Montgomery County Division of Parks, Trails & Historic Sites. Open year-round. Hours: Tuesday through Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm; Sunday: 1 to 4 pm. Closed Mondays and County holidays. For more information visit: <http://www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills> Telephone: 610-287-9349.

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