

## Hive Safety

### *What to Wear:*

- Long sleeves and full length pants can protect your arms and legs
  - Avoid woolen fabrics as bees can become stuck in the fibers
- Muted colors or pastels, but preferably white
  - Avoid black, red, brown as you may look like a predator
- Tuck your pants into sneakers or boots to seal off your legs from wandering bees
- Minimal jewelry, as the shine is attractive
- Avoid strong scents such as perfume, cologne, or overly strong deodorant

### *How to Act:*

- Stay calm, bees will become tense if you become agitated
  - If you relax, they will too
- Move in slow and calm movements
  - Don't make yourself seem threatening and avoid sudden movements

### *In Case of a Sting:*

- Calmly walk away from the hive with someone else
- **Bring an EpiPen and benadryl if you have known allergies**
  - Harpur's Ferry will be called for any reactions
- Remove the stinger with a credit card and wash off
  - You can apply ice to the site later if needed

Note: Following all of these greatly reduces your chances of getting stung - these bees are not out to get you, they are simply defending their home just as you would