



Heroes to Hives  
of Missouri

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# 2021 H2H Missouri

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- Pilot year
  - 290 veterans/dependents!
  - University of Missouri Extension program
  - All of this is free to veterans and their dependents
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The top image shows four individuals in full protective beekeeping suits, including hoods and gloves. They are outdoors, working with a wooden beehive frame that is densely populated with bees. One person is holding the frame, while others observe. The background shows a building and some outdoor equipment.



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## HEROES TO HIVES OF MISSOURI

Missouri is the first state chapter of the national Heroes to Hives program. Heroes to Hives supports the financial and personal wellness of the military veteran community through a formal, online 9-month beekeeping education program.



A decorative graphic on the right side of the slide consists of a series of yellow and black hexagons arranged in a honeycomb pattern, extending from the bottom right towards the center.





Veterans who have spent their military careers serving our nation are now learning to protect and foster pollinators.





# How the program works...

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- Missouri participants will enroll in Heroes to Hives program through Michigan State University
  - Missouri will supplement MSU curriculum with information specific to Missouri
  - Hands-on training will take place at a Missouri apiary
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# Missouri Apiaries

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- University of Central Missouri – Mitchell Street Farm





# Field Days

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- April through October
  - 2 field days per month
    - Weekday
    - Saturday
  - Morning/Afternoon Sessions
  - Optional Activities
    - Swarm Trapping
    - At Ease – mindfulness & coping
    - Adaptive Equipment – Honey Harvest
    - Tai Chi
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# What's Next?

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- Accessible Beekeeping
    - Horizontal Hive
    - AZ Hives
    - Adaptive Equipment
  - Expand
    - Fall 2021 -2024
    - 4 - 5 Training Apiaries in Missouri.
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# Your Team

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- Travis Harper
  - Joni Harper
  - Karen Funkenbusch
  - Many more!
    - MU Extension personnel
    - Missouri State Beekeepers Association members
    - Veteran Beekeepers
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# Program Funding

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