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*"The bees provide an avenue for YBGR staff to engage youth in discussions about relationships and interactions, which promotes self-awareness and reinforces other therapeutic interventions that youth receive at YBGR."*

- Mike Chavers, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch CEO



*It Sure Makes A Difference When You Know Somebody Cares*



## YBGR Bee Program



Yellowstone Academy's bee program started in the summer of 2017 and has been a fun activity added to kids' responsibilities while at YBGR. Beehives are set up on a small, Ranch-owned field allowing the kids to put on their bee suits to easily monitor and care for the bees.

This program teaches YBGR youth the fundamentals of beekeeping, such as how to prepare their hives, feed the bees, and understand the social system of bees. Beekeeping also teaches kids a valuable trade that can help further their employment opportunities after they graduate or leave YBGR.

Each summer the students extract honey from the hives' combs and then sell the honey to the public along with the Ranch's other farm-to-table produce.



The Ranch processes the raw honey on campus and produces YBGR Honey Bears for gifts to our donors and for sale at local community markets.



To learn more about supporting the Bee Program at YBGR, please contact Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation at 406-656-8772.



*Beekeeping on the YBGR campus requires protective gear to keep the beekeepers safe.*

*The hives are tended throughout the year and the honey is collected in late summer.*



*Yellowstone's 2020 Christmas Ornament celebrated the Bee Program.*

