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Welcome | Introductions | Rules

Swarms 1 and 2

Intermission: The Honey Jar Auction closes at the end of intermission. Select auction items will be drawn before Swarms 3, 4, 5, and before the Yellow Jacket Award.

Swarms 3-5

Presentation of Yellow Jacket Crown Award for best costumes:

The winning team will be determined by the highly technical method of the Audience-Clap-Meter and receive honey from Granby's own Alba Flower Apiaries.

Championship Swarm

Presentation of the Grand Bee Award: Each member of the winning Gran-Bee team receives a 6-month adult membership to the Farmington Valley YMCA, generously donated by The Y.

Gran-Bee Chair: Marcy Green

Judges Panel

Colleen Bava, Kelly Lane Primary School principal

Kimberly Calcasola, Granby Memorial High School assistant principal

Heather Tanis, Granby Memorial Middle School assistant principal

Master of Ceremony: Jim Whitten, Wells Road Intermediate School teacher

The Bee: T. J. Green



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Meet our Master of Ceremony

Jim Whitten has been teaching in Granby for 20 years and currently teaches third grade at Wells Road Intermediate School. He incorporates music and his guitar in the classroom to make lessons more exciting and to help kids memorize important facts. This year his students have been singing a song about story mountains and a song about how fossils form. Jim has participated in the Gran-Bee for many years, reaching the finals twice. Since his team never won the title, hosting such a fun-filled community event sounded like a sure winner instead!

Meet our Judges

Colleen Bava, principal of Kelly Lane and a newer member of the Granby community, is excited to participate in this wonderful Granby tradition. Over the years, she has cheered on her own children with their participation on various sports teams, and now she is thrilled to BEE a part of this friendly competition and not only judge, but cheer on the teams! Go GRAN-BEE!!!

Kimberly Calcasola has been an assistant principal in Granby for over 20 years, and has two sons in high school. She has been an active participant in the Gran-Bee for years, both as a judge and as a contestant. She is very excited to be a part of this tradition again and to be back in-person celebrating and having fun with the Granby Community.

Heather Tanis, assistant principal of Granby Memorial Middle School, is thrilled to be a part of the excitement as a judge in her first Gran-Bee! In her spare time, you will find Heather on various sports fields watching her own two high schoolers compete. She is eager to bring the excitement from the fields to the Gran-Bee.



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Stop by the auction tables in the foyer to purchase tickets—\$20 for 26 tickets. Pay with cash, check, or Venmo: @GEF-Granby.

Tickets will be drawn after intermission and winners will pick their items after the final round. Valid ID required to claim any prizes containing alcohol.



Good luck and thanks for supporting the GEF and our Community Grant program!

Thank You!

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals who donated items to the Honey Jar Auction:

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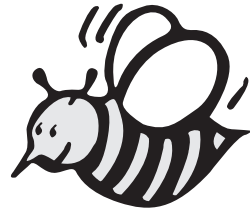
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SWARM 2

6 **Hog Team**

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SWARM 3

11 Bee Kind to Planet Earth

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Karen Dowd
Jenny Emery
Stacey Kroninger

12 Bearcats

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Keri McCourt
Betsy McCourt

13 Drummer Bees

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14 Show Me The Honey!

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Joshua Sears

SWARM 4

15 The Bee's Knees (GMHS NHS)

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Kevin Davis
Ben Gottsche

16 The Extreme Beings (GMHS NHS)

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Jessican Gnesda
Maggie Thrall
Emma Hansen

17 Bee Smart (GMHS NHS)

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Jacob Shine
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Juliette Marzo

19 Starbees (GMHS NHS)

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Grace Flagg
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Delaney Grimaldi

SWARM 5

20 **Three Friends of Holcomb**
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Emma Hoyt
Melody Smith

21 **The Trivial Pursuits (Granby Public Schools)**
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Taylor Wrye
Angela Ehrenwerth
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22 **BEE COOL**
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Deborah Sheahan

23 **Ebony and Ivory**
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24 **The Three Wise Guys**
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swarm 2 winner:

swarm 3 winner:

swarm 4 winner:

swarm 5 winner:

2022 grand prize winner:



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Special thanks to Granby Memorial High School for the use of the auditorium and to John Kroninger and Nick Gaetta for providing sound and lighting expertise. Thanks to Mark Bombard and the GCTV crew for filming the event and to John Adams for event photography.

Thanks to the following sponsors for providing concessions: Big Y World Class Market, Cake Gypsy, Costco, Cumberland Farms, Geissler's Supermarket, and Stop and Shop.

Thanks to our team sponsors who make this evening possible!

Thanks to our student volunteers Tessa Green, Pearce Boit, Cole Metallo, and Sierra Ashe. And thank you to the GEF board members and all the people who put in the extra effort to make the 2022 Gran-Bee such a success!

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The Granby Education Foundation

The Granby Education Foundation (GEF) is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization committed to lifelong learning and arts for all Granby citizens. For over 20 years, the GEF has been a vital funding partner for Granby's nonprofits and schools, ensuring quality education opportunities to pursue knowledge and expand horizons. The GEF recently awarded grants for:

- **Cultural exploration:** Granby Racial Reconciliation's Juneteenth celebration in SBP, Kelly Lane Introduction to Native Americans program, and GMMS China interest center;
- **Literacy:** Kelly Lane's 24/7 Digital Library, GMHS summer reading program and author conversation;
- **Financial literacy:** Junior Achievement programs at Wells Road, GMMS, and GMHS;
- **Nature exploration:** Holcomb Tree Trail visitor kiosk educational signage and smartphone-enabled telescope at GMMS.

Most recently, the **GEF gave over \$100,000 as a Special Project grant to build a TV studio and production center at GMHS** which will open this fall. Previous Special Projects include the purchase of violins for the school district's Strings Program, building the Salmon Brook Ecology Center at GMMS, creating an Arts Endowment, and funding the Summer Drama Academy and Global Learning Academy.

The good work done at the GEF depends on your support through your generous contributions, by attending GEF-funded events, or by volunteering as a GEF board member. To learn more, speak with any of our board members, visit our website, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

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