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**American Beekeeping Federation’s 2015 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow**

**Kids and Bees Program**

***ASHLAND, OR., November, 28 2014*** – This coming January, the American Beekeeping Federation will be holding their annual conference and tradeshow the 6th-10th, at The Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California. The ABF Conference and Tradeshow gives hundreds of beekeepers the opportunity to converge in one place and learn the latest information from the honey bee research front, take part in hands-on workshops, and coronate a new American Honey Queen and Princess. There will also be an opportunity for the public to participate.

On Friday, January 9th from 9:00 – Noon, elementary-aged kids are welcomed to The River Center to participate in the “Kids and Bees” program. This no-charge event has been a tradition with the ABF conference for over 20 years, and is a “don’t miss” opportunity for school groups, home schooled kids, scouts, and clubs. Kids and their teachers or parents can expect a room full of hands-on activities under the themes of, “The Art of Beekeeping,” “The Science of Beekeeping,” “The World of Beekeeping,” and “The Future of Bees: It’s Up to You!” Favorites such as beeswax candle rolling, bee finger puppet making, and hive displays will be there. The highlights this year will be face painting, a photo booth with costumes, and an ultraviolet “Bee View” demonstration. Students will make their way through each station, engaging with beekeepers and Honey Queens from around the US, and activities that will harness their senses and imaginations

For more information, to volunteer, or to register your children or students for the January 10th no cost program, please contact Sarah Red-Laird at sarah@beegirl.org or 541-708-1127.

**About the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF):** The ABF is a national organization with about 1,000 members that continually works in the interest of all beekeepers, large or small, and those associated with the industry to ensure the future of the honey bee. Our members share a common interest to work toward better education and information for all segments of the industry in the hope of increasing our chances for survival in today's competitive world. For more information about the ABF, please visit http://www.abfnet.org.

**About Bee Girl:** The Bee Girl mission is to inspire and empower communities to conserve bees and their habitat. Bee Girl, a nonprofit organization founded by Sarah Red-Laird, aims to conserve our bees by educating the public on their importance through our programs focused on community classes and events, public lectures, our Kids and Bees program, and our University program. The Bee Girl organization also facilitates the Farming for Bees initiative, empowering and recognizing land managers who provide habitat for our bees. Bee Girl engages with communities across the nation, and the globe, spreading knowledge and bringing a sense of wonder from the hive to the people.