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CARMEL VALLEY RANCH

For Honey Month, a buzz of activity.

MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIF.

It's the Bee's Knees

The Carmel Valley Ranch in Monterey County, Calif., will spotlight its tiny buzzing residents during September, National Honey Month. The 500-acre resort introduced bees in 2010 to complement its organic garden filled with 7,000 lavender plants.

Guests can learn about the honey harvest cycle from John Russo, a beekeeper, and help extract honey from honeycombs (\$35 for 90 minutes). Or they can suit up and enter an apiary to study the patterns of Italian honeybees (\$60 for a 90-minute tour). A party on Sept. 13 offers samples of honey as well as beer and salt tastings. *CHARU SURI*