

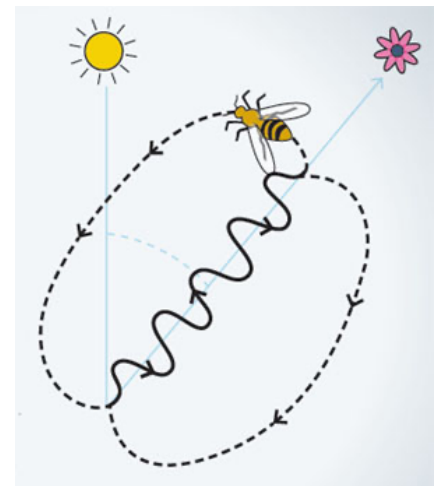
# Helping Folks “Catch the Buzz”

## The Waggle Dance!

How do bees communicate? The most amazing way is the waggle dance. A worker bee returns to the hive and shares with her sisters the exact location of the rich nectar or pollen she has found. Oh, and don't forget to mention that this all happens in the complete darkness inside the hive!

She does this by walking and “wagging” in a specific figure 8 dance for her nearby sisters. With her dance she can communicate:

- Where to position the sun when exiting the hive.
- How far to fly. (The food source can be even a few miles away).
- The quality of the food source to be found. (Sometimes she will even share a taste with nearby sister bees!)



I used a 6 x 8-foot heavy duty plastic tarp and marked out the waggle dance using duct tape and a sharpie. It travels well and can be used indoors and outdoors. Let the dance begin! (This activity pairs well with the Gathering Pollen Bucket Game.)