

2017 Energy Camp

Nearly 80 teens from across OK are selected to experience energy in a new light at Energy Camp.



Each year, CKenergy Electric Cooperative joins Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives and electric cooperatives from across the state in sponsoring the Youth Power Energy Camp at Camp Canyon near Hinton, OK. The camp slated for May 30-June 2, 2017, is designed to help students develop leadership skills while having lots of fun.

Energy Camp focuses its leadership qualities and learning opportunities on the great outdoors. Campers enjoy a four day stay in the beautiful Canyon Camp area east of Hinton, Oklahoma. Eighth-grade students who are just beginning to understand the need for great leaders are a perfect fit for Energy Camp.

While at the camp, the teens attend sessions on energy, electrical safety and rural electric careers. They also elect their

own board of directors and operate a coke and candy cooperative. Other special activities include hands on electrical demonstrations, pole-climbing and bucket truck rides, a ropes course, swimming, an energy battle tournament, and a trip to Celebration Station for video games and go cart rides.

This year, the essay topic, "What I would miss most without electricity," must be submitted by a team of two eighth grade students currently attending school within CKEC's service territory. CKEC rules state that if a teammate is not available for the two-student project, individual essays are acceptable. Four students or two teams, will be selected from the submitted essays to represent the cooperative at Energy Camp. CKEC covers all expenses related to the camp including transportation to and from Canyon Camp.

Contest Rules

Students must currently be classified as eighth grade students attending a school in CKEC's service territory. The students will be required to write an essay of at least 100 words in length on the topic, "What I would miss most without electricity."

Essays are to be written legibly or typed, double spaced on only one side of the paper. Attach a cover page which includes name, parent's name, address, phone number, school, and shirt size.

1. Essays will be judged on the basis of knowledge of subject, 40%; originality, 30%; composition, 15%; grammar, spelling and punctuation, 15%.
2. Deadline for essays is April 17, 2017.
3. Dates for the 2017 Youth Power Energy Camp are May 30-June 2, 2017.

Submit the completed essay and cover sheet to Devin Whittington, P.O. Box 70, Binger, OK 73009 or Lisa Willard, CKenergy P.O. Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632.



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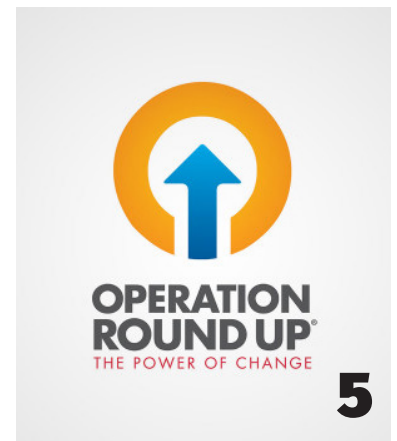
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MARCH

Winning CKEC Members

Dennis Elmenhorst
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If your name is listed above, please call us at **405-656-2322** to claim a \$25 credit on your electric bill.



Socialize with us!

Stay up-to-date with your co-op and your community by following us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Get the latest news on co-op events, services, energy saving tips, and more. During a power outage, stay connected with us for updates on the restoration process.

Questions or comments about your newsletter should be directed to Devin Whittington, Communications Specialist, CKenergy, PO Box 70, Binger, OK 73009, email: editor@ckenergy.coop.

Clearing for reliability

CKEC Crews work year round to keep Right of Way's clear.

There are many ways that CKenergy provides you with safe, reliable electric service. One of the most common – and crucial – ways is referred to as right-of-way clearing (or vegetation management).

A right of way (ROW) refers to a strip of land underneath or around power lines that your electric cooperative has the right and responsibility to maintain and clear. Trees must grow at a distance far enough from conductors where they will not cause harm to individuals or disruption to electrical service. Specifications can vary, but a general guideline of maintaining a safe ROW is 15 feet of clearance on either side of the primary conductors and 20 feet of overhead clearance above the highest wire on the pole.

Clearing the ROW is critical to keeping our members' lights on. An average of 15 percent of power interruptions occur when trees, shrubs or bushes grow too close to power lines.

If a tree encroaches on this safe distance, our vegetation management team will trim back branches and brush using chainsaws, bucket trucks, tree climbers, brush chippers and mowers. Chemical control methods can also

be used as a way to support the growth of low growing plant species that will outcompete the tall trees growing beneath power lines.

ROW clearing also keeps your family safe by ensuring that tree branches do not become energized due to close contact with a downed power line. Power lines can carry up to 34,500 volts, and an energized tree branch is incredibly dangerous – even deadly. Be mindful when around trees close to power lines, and make sure your children know that climbing trees near power lines is extremely dangerous.

ROW clearing is also critical to ensuring that we provide members with affordable electricity. Staying ahead of the game keeps us from having to come out after a storm to restore power due to fallen trees.

Remember to contact CKEC if you decide to trim or remove trees near any power service or line. And never trim a tree in the right-of-way zone on your own.

ROW clearing just makes sense. Contact us at 405-656-2322 to find out more about our vegetation management program and to receive information about how to keep the ROW in your service territory clear.



Vegetation Management

Why it matters to you.

Right of way (ROW): Refers to a strip of land underneath or around power lines that CKenergy maintains and clears. Trees must grow at a distance far enough from conductors where they will not cause harm to individuals, or disruption to electrical service.

Fifteen percent of power interruptions occur when trees, shrubs or bushes grow too close to power lines. By managing vegetation, we are able to keep power *safe and reliable*.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Warmer weather is on the way! Use energy efficient window treatments or coverings, like blinds, shades and films, to reduce heat gain in your home. These devices not only improve the look of your home but also reduce energy costs.

Source: U.S Department of Energy

Be Wary of Utility Scams

Electric co-ops and other utilities fight back to protect consumers

When a scammer called Florida pet clinic operator Cindy Evers last year and demanded immediate payment on an overdue electric bill, it sounded real.

“They knew my account number and gave me a figure that I owed that’s close to what I usually pay on my electric bill,” Evers said. She paid, even though, in the back of her mind, she knew her payment wasn’t late.

“I have pets under sedation, and I’m taking care of animals. I think I just panicked, thinking they were going to shut my electricity off. I did what they told me to do.”

Evers lost \$900 because the call was a scam.

The scam that duped Evers has been plaguing utility consumers across North America for several years, robbing them of millions.

Now, utilities are fighting back. Recently, more than 80 utilities and energy industry

organizations from across the U.S. and Canada joined forces to recognize the first-ever North American Utilities United Against Scams Day on November 16, 2016.

Electric co-ops have increased their communication efforts, sending information directly to members and encouraging local TV stations and newspapers to warn citizens about the scam, how it works and what people should do and not do, if they are targeted.

Here are CKEC, we want our members to notify us if they receive any suspicious phone calls, emails, or if someone posing as a co-op employee comes to their door. The sooner we are notified, the sooner we can warn the rest of our membership.

Even the wariest consumers can be duped, however, and scammers are developing new tactics every day.

The “past due” scam, similar to the one Florida customer Evers experienced, goes something like this: A customer gets a call from an 800-number that looks like a valid

utility company phone number. Widely available spoofing software allows crooks to display what appears to be an official number on caller IDs. The caller threatens to cut off power if the customer doesn’t pay.

But here’s the giveaway: The crook will demand payment via a prepaid debit card or money order. And he’ll ask for it within a specified time frame— often an hour or less.

The scammer may quote an amount that sounds like your typical monthly bill or mention other details about the customer’s local area or utility. This makes the scammer appear more credible.

Scammers usually direct the customer to a specific store nearby that sells prepaid cards and instructs them to put money on the card and provide the card number to the scammer.

Some scammers are bold enough to contact potential victims in person, in some cases, even coming to the consumer’s house.

Here are some tips on how to protect yourself:

- Do not assume the name and number on your caller ID are legitimate. Caller IDs are easily spoofed.
- Never share your personal information, including date of birth, Social Security number or banking information.
- Never wire money to someone you don’t know.
- Do not click links or call numbers in unexpected emails or texts— especially those asking for your account information.

Remember, utilities don’t require their customers to purchase prepaid debit cards or money orders to avoid an immediate disconnection. If you receive a call that sounds like it may be a scam, or if you believe the call is a scam, hang up, call the police and report the incident to CKenergy immediately at 405-656-2322.

Utility Scams 101

Utility phone scams typically involve callers claiming to represent a utility company attempting to trick people into paying them money by threatening to turn off their service. The scammer usually insists the victim pay immediately with a pre-paid debit card, which provides them easy access to your money.

Hang Up

If there’s any doubt about the authenticity of a caller, hang up and call your utility provider directly to verify your billing and payment status.

Report It

Contact your local authorities and utility provider to report these or attempted theft due to scams.

Beware

Never give out personal information, debit/ credit card numbers or wire money as a result of an unexpected or unsolicited call if you cannot validate the caller’s authenticity.

Get It In Writing

Customers will typically be contacted several times via U.S. Mail about past due bills before their services is turned off.

Know Your Options

Utilities provide many options for payment and NEVER require the use of a pre-paid debit card.



CKenergy Electric Foundation Update



Approved grants:

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| Elgin Public School Sp. Ed..... | \$3,500 |
| Corn VFD..... | \$3,000 |
| Lookeba-Sickles VFD..... | \$1,675 |
| Make a Wish of OK..... | \$2,500 |
| Cement Senior Nutrition..... | \$2,000 |
| Vizavance..... | \$2,800 |
| Friends of Mustang Pub. Lib...\$3,000 | |
| Evany Clinic..... | \$4,000 |
| Apex, Inc..... | \$7,000 |
| Individual Grants..... | \$7,500 |

Total Grants.....\$36,975

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*Small Change, **Big** Difference!*

On Tuesday, January 17th, 2017, the CKenergy Electric Foundation Board approved a total of **\$36,975** for grants this quarter. Those funds will be used to improve the livelihood of individuals, fund school programs, they will help local law enforcement better protect citizens, and so much more!

Giving to those in need is a great way to tap into the Oklahoma spirit and thousands of Oklahoma's electric co-op members do just that by donating funds year-round through Operation Round Up.

As a member of CKenergy Electric Cooperative, you have the opportunity to participate in the Operation Round Up program. The program works by allowing co-op members to round up their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar amount. The spare change is transferred to CKenergy's Operation Round Up fund and dispersed to local charitable causes.

For example, let's say you have a monthly electric bill of \$84.62. The bill is rounded up to a flat \$85, with the additional 38 cents going into the Operation Round Up Fund. On average, a co-op member donates roughly \$6 each year. Seems like a small amount, right? It is, but when multiplied by thousands of other CKenergy members, Operation Round Up raises thousands of dollars for local causes.

Operation Round Up funds are used to address important local needs. Local charities, youth groups, schools, fire departments, senior citizens centers and food banks are just a few of the beneficiaries of Round Up funds. Funds are also used to help needy individuals and families pay for medical equipment and other needs.

CKenergy Electric Cooperative is passionate about the communities we serve. Together, electric co-ops with Operation Round Up programs in place have raised more than \$100 million since 1989.

Grants are decided by a twelve-member board of cooperative members who volunteer their time to oversee the program. CKenergy Electric co-coordinators are Boyd Lee and Devin Whittington. Requests for assistance are reviewed and evaluated quarterly throughout the year.

We hope you will continue to participate in CKenergy's Operation Round Up. Your small change will change lives, and together we will make a big difference right here in Oklahoma.

Next quarter grant applications must be submitted no later than **April 5th, 2017**. Any applications received after the due date will be on the agenda for the next quarterly scheduled meeting.

Storm Safety: When Thunderstorms, Tornadoes Strike

Beware. Spring can usher in more than April showers. Now through the summer months, thunderstorms can quickly roll in and tornadoes can touch down, often during the afternoon and evening hours, according to researchers at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Severe Storms Laboratory.

Follow these tips from NOAA and the American Red Cross to keep you and your home safe when tornadoes and severe thunderstorms come your way.

- Prepare for high winds by removing diseased and damaged tree limbs.
- Listen to local news or National Weather Service broadcasts to stay informed about tornado watches and warnings.
- If in a mobile home, immediately head to a sturdy shelter or vehicle. Mobile homes, especially hallways and bathrooms, are not safe places to take shelter during tornadoes or other severe winds.
- Designate a family meeting place for shelter during and after a storm. If possible, go to your home's basement, a small interior room, or under stairs on the lowest level. Also, have a



battery-operated weather radio handy along with emergency supplies.

- Unplug your electronics. Avoid using electrical equipment and corded telephones.
- Remember that there is no safe place outside during a severe storm. If you are caught in a storm while on the road, the American Red Cross urges drivers to turn their headlights on, try to safely exit the roadway, and park. Stay in the vehicle with your seat belt on and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends. If thunder and lightning is occurring, avoid

touching metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity in and outside the vehicle.

- Move or secure lawn furniture, trash cans, hanging plants or anything else that can be picked up by the wind and become a projectile.
- Stay safe after a storm. Remain indoors at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder. Also, stay away from downed power lines and avoid flooded areas, power lines could be submerged and still live with electricity. Report them to CKenergy at 1-800-868-8243 or 1-888-832-3362 immediately.

Lightning Safety Tips

When thunder roars, go indoors.

Seek shelter immediately. There is **no safe place outside** during a thunderstorm.

Safe shelter can be found in **an enclosed building or a hard-topped vehicle**

Keep as many walls as possible between you and the outside.

Only use battery-operated appliances.

Wait **30 minutes after the last lightning strike** in a severe storm before venturing outside.

Stay away from items that conduct electricity: **corded telephones, appliances, sinks, bathtubs, radiators and metal pipes.**

The Weather Network

Your weather when it really matters™



LIGHTS OUT? REPORT IT HERE

CKEC has upgraded the two toll free numbers. 888-832-3362 and 800-868-8243 now have the capacity to handle over 2,000 calls as well as get the outage information into our outage system.

So remember to report outages to one of CKEC's toll free phone lines. You can also report an outage using the CKenergy app.

Automotive

I buy junk cars & farm machinery, call 405-641-3344 for more information.

Hilltop Small Engine Repair, 3 mi north of Gracemont, 1/2 mi west on CR 1230. 405-638-0325.

Carburetor Rebuilding- 30 yrs experience on all carburetors. 1000's in stock with 1 year warranty. I'll save you time & money! 541-515-2933.

'79 Chevy Z 28 Camaro, pretty complete.
'77 Pontiac Firebird body, parts or restore. \$19,50 for the pair. Cash only. 405-818-9011.

Farm/ Equipment

Marrow's Tractor Tire Repair, Sales, & Service 405-668-0248

2 Types Generator, both run- need service. 2 brands. 405-643-2836.

Hay/ Wood

Cedar Posts & Stays & Oak fire wood. Call 405-437-7612

Net Crop Native Grass Hay- Lg Bales, net wrapped. 405-638-0620 or 405-206-8126.

Clean Bermuda Grass Hay 4x5 bales \$45/

Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

Note: CKEC does not endorse or guarantee any of the products or services in these ads.

bale. Please call King Sod Farms 405-797-3323.

Cowpea Hay- 150 5x6 bales, 10% protein, \$50/bale. 405-668-2679.

Good Bermuda Grass Hay, Large Round Bales. 6X6. \$60. 405-306-1538.

Walnut Firewood, Split \$80/rick for pickup. \$100/rick for delivered. 405-352-5242

Alfalfa Hay- Round & Square bales. Will load. 405-933-0132.

Grass Hay 300 Native Grass, 80 Switchgrass, Large Round Bales, Net Wrapped, \$50/Bale, Weatherford, Will Load, Delivery Available, 405-542-6713, 580-774-4942

Midland 99 Bermuda Grass Hay. 4x4x8 segmented bales. 5'x4' Rd bales, small sq. bales. High protein, clean horse hay quality. 580-774-5477.

Livestock/Pets

Barrel Saddle, 14", beautiful leather w/ silver. \$500. 405-788-2334 or 405-373-4328.

Beefmaster Bulls for sale. 18mos to 2yrs. Some polled. Call 405-352-4451.

Registered Angus Bulls. 13-18mos, semen tested, docile, & ready to work. 405-352-5025.

Hereford & Angus Bulls- Breeding age & semen tested. 580-280-2855.

Charolais Bulls for Sale. 6- 30mth, 12-18/24mth. 580-774-9989.

80 Big Stout Limousin Bulls. Easy calving, gentle, high growth. Best for Xbreeding to increase weaning wts & profit. Kusel Limousins. 580-759-6038 or 405-643-2884.

Events

Come have some SWEET & delicious fun at the Mustang Library Chocolate festival! March 3rd 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 1201 N Mustang Rd. Tickets- \$8 for 8 tastes!

Business

Alterations & T- Shirt Quilts. 405-831-0593

Cooks Septic Service & Repair 580-550-0545, toll free 877-369-7305.

Swap 'N Shop Ads are continued on page 8

You may submit classified ads, businesses, or services to Swap 'N Shop, P.O. Box 70, Binger, OK 73009, ads@ckenergy.coop, or fax to 405-656-2327. One ad per member unless there is additional space available.

Circle category:

Autos Farm/Equip Furn/Appl Hay/Wood Livestock/Pets Misc
Real Estate Wanted-Notices Business

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

CKEC Acct # _____

Swap 'N Shop is a classified advertisement service that we provide to our members at no cost.

- Members are able to submit written ads through the mail, fax, drop off, or by email.
- Ads are NOT taken over the phone.
- Ads need to be received by the 10th of each month to appear in the next month's issue.
- Ad space is limited to a 25 word maximum.
- Contact the editor at 405-656-2322 for information about availability of ad space.
- CKEC reserves the right to reject any ad deemed inappropriate.
- Ads will automatically run for 2 months, additional run time must be requested before the 10th of the month.

McCormack's Affordable Quilting, T-Shirt quilts, custom quilts, & quilt repair. 405-229-4933.

Saw 'N Cedars, cedar tree cutting & pasture recovery. 405-247-9686.

Chisholm Trail Bed & Breakfast. 3366 SW Clayton Rd, Minco, OK. 405-352-4994 or 405-642-3760.

\$100 Agreed Divorces, JNK Paralegal Service. 405-376-2206

Hooked On Antiques, 209 W Main in Binger. Wed 9:30- 5, Thurs 9-5. Call for more info. 405-202-6563.

Abbot Electric, OK #1648, no job too small. 405-933-1780

BackWoods Welding & Construction- Farm & ranch welding, pipe fencing, steel buildings, metal roofs, pole barns, state certified & insured. 405-320-8379.

Miscellaneous

Yamaha Spinnet Piano. Not a scratch. 405-308-6726.

For sale or trade- 12 ft. x 24 ft. Cojack building on skids, also iron wagon & plow wheels. 580-660-0024.

20 x 37 Green Mountain (Jim Bowie) pellet grill-smoker. Stainless steel lid, great condition. \$450. 405-638-0049.

Furniture/Appliance

5 Piece Cherrywood Bedroom set, queen size. Triple dresser with wing mirror amorie. 2 night stands. Asking \$550. 405-458-0091 or 580-637-2258.

Real Estate

Crow's Roost- 3 bed, 1.5 bath, LG living, family room, & kitchen. Central H/A. Shop & wood shed w/ electric. Fruit trees. 3 lots fenced. \$89,900 405-638-7111.

Swan Lake Area- 1 bed, 1 bath, metal home with 3 lots. Needs some work, great hunting/fishing cabin. \$17,000 OBO. 405-643-9953.

Very Nice 4 bed/2 bath home on .92 acres, in Cyril. Includes stainless kitchen appl., carport, & 30x40 shop bldg w/ auto door.

136 acres SW of Hinton. Great hunting, deer, turkey, & hogs. \$3,000 per acre. 405-952-7382.

2 Story Home Cedar Lake Hinton School Dist. 1,152sq ft., 2 car garage, out building, 6ft fence, could come fully furnished, \$30,000 OBO. 405-284-6806.

Crows Roost- 3 bed, 2 bath, 3 lots, 2 big barns, 1 small. Lg den, 2 living rooms. Lg screened in porch. Needs some work. 405-656-2436.

Carnegie- 3 bed, 2 bath. 2200sqft. Country Home. w/ finished basement that could be bdrm. LG living room and separate den. 2 car garage. New H&A. 1 acre of land. LG shed in back yard. \$130,000. 580-654-2422.

16X80 3 bed 2 bath, Mobile Home on 64X120 lot. 2 yr old central H&A, new carpet, new hot water tank, new pressure well. Covered porch. 14X30 pole barn, \$41,500. 405-601-0382. Call for info.

Price Reduced— For sale by owner, 1 acre commercial zoned on HWY 37 between Tricity & Tuttle, OK. 405-794-4612.

House & Barn on 3 acres in Eakly at 624 N Church Ave. Double car garage, 3 bd, 2 ba, basement & large barn 54x90. 405-779-0025.

2 bed, 2 bath, brick home. Basement, 2 car garage, storage bldg. Nice backyard w/ patio. In Eakly. \$85,000. 405-687-0375.

For Rent- 3 bed, 2 bath home. SW Binger. No pets. Call Wanda. 580-302-3051.

15'6 x 72 Fleetwood Velocity 2014, 3+2 shingle roof, hardboard siding, to be moved. \$32,000. 405-863-4557.

3 brd, 1 bath brick home. Newly updated windows, doors, roof, water heater, central H&A, & more. Attached garage, fenced back yard, sprinkler system, covered porch & Storage shed. In Anadarko. 405-265-8456.

Irrigated Farm- West 1/2 of section 28 1 16. Washita county. 2 irrigation wells, 2 center pivots, 307 acre crop land. Call Gerald Nabors, 580-660-5360 or 940-262-3522.

480 acre grass, 2 live creeks- good hunting. 160 acre w/ 145 acre cultivated & pivot irrigation- between Eakly & Hydro. Call 405-388-1827 or 405-570-4893.

2 bed, 1 bath, new windows, utility room, storage shed, & 4' chain link fence. 606 E Central, Anadarko. 405-317-7483.

Ft. Cobb Lake House- Crows Roost area. 2 bed, furnished. 2 lots, new metal roof, garage & carport. Also, Waverunner & Seadoo on double trailer. \$62,000. 405-623-4231.

Wanted

Gentle Horse for kids. 405-255-6657.

Pistachio and White Chocolate Pudding Cookies

Ingredients:

1 2/3 cups all purpose flour
(1) 3.4 oz box instant pistachio pudding mix
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 cup light brown sugar
3/4 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cup unsalted butter, softened
1 tsp clear vanilla extract
1 egg, room temperature
1 cup white chocolate chips
1/2 cup chopped pistachios



Directions:

Whisk together flour, pudding mix, baking soda and salt. Set aside. Cream sugars and butter together until light and fluffy. Add in egg and vanilla and beat until well blended. Gradually stir in dry ingredients. Fold in chocolate chips and pistachios. Refrigerate dough for at least 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 325F. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper or lightly grease. Scoop out rounded tablespoons of cookie dough and place on prepared cookie sheet. Bake for 11-13 minutes or just until they are set. If you see any brown, pull them out. Remove from oven and let cool on baking sheet for several minutes before moving to a rack.