

Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative's **YouthPower Energy Camp Program** (for 8<sup>th</sup> graders) offers you an opportunity to make new friends and lots of memories, along with learning about electricity and electric cooperatives. We'd love your participation!!

**What are we talking about?** YOUTHPower ENERGY CAMP ESSAY CONTEST is for 8<sup>th</sup> graders only

**What is YOUTHPower ENERGY CAMP?** It's an all-expense paid, 4 day long, exciting trip in late May to Canyon Camp near Hinton, west of Oklahoma City, and is for students who are 8<sup>th</sup> graders this school year. While at camp, you not only will meet other 8<sup>th</sup> graders from across the state, but you will learn all about electricity, electric safety, the benefits of electric cooperatives and what they're all about! You definitely want to be a part of this and "You can be".

**Requirements for this contest:**

- 1.) You must be a middle school 8<sup>th</sup> grader at the time of the essay contest and attend a school in Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative's service territory. It's not necessary the student's parents be members of VVEC.
- 2.) Essay must be legibly written or typed and must be a minimum of 300 words, in length.
- 3.) You can write the essay as an individual or with a classmate as a two-student team. If your essay is selected as one of the 2 winning essays, then you and your co-writer will both win the trip to YouthPower Energy Camp.
- 4.) DO NOT put your name on the essay; instead, include a cover sheet with your name and school.
- 5.) Complete & submit the Energy Camp application/entry form along with your essay.
- 6.) Deadline to submit essay and Energy Camp application/entry form is **Friday, February 25, 2022, no later than 4 p.m.**
- 7.) Essay Topic is: ***"What is The Electric Cooperative Story?"***.
- 8.) Essay can be submitted by hand delivery to VVEC headquarters in Collinsville, by email or by US Postal Mail. (Important! If mailing, use PO Box, not physical address)
- 9.) Be prepared to commit to attending the all-expense paid trip to Energy Camp if you are selected as an essay finalist on May 31 – June 3, 2022. *\*Covid-19/Safety Protocols may be required\**

There will be two (2) top winning essays selected and those finalists will win the all-expense paid trip to Energy Camp.

**ESSAY DEADLINE – 4 p.m. Friday, February 25, 2022.**

Best of Luck!

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