

Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative's **YouthPower Energy Camp Program** (for 8th 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 8th 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 8th graders this school year. While at camp, you not only will meet other 8th 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 8th grader at the time of the essay contest and attend a school in Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative's service territory. It's not necessary for the student's parents to 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, March 3, 2023, no later than 4:00 pm.**
- 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 the 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 30 – June 2, 2023. **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, March 3, 2023.

For More Details: Visit our website at www.vvec.com - go to Community Programs, and view YouthPower Energy Camp.

Best of Luck!

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