

Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative's **YouthPower Energy Camp Leadership Program** lets you make connections with other like-minded 8th graders across the state of Oklahoma, learning about "*All Things Electric Cooperatives*". Any 8th Grader at your school can participate. **TEACHER INCENTIVE: We're encouraging area schools to get involved. If a teacher administers this essay contest as part of a whole classroom assignment and produces a contest finalist, he or she could be rewarded with \$100.00 toward the purchase of classroom materials or equipment and be featured in VVEC's Newsletter and/or Facebook page. 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, power packed trip in late May to Canyon Camp near Hinton, west of OKC, and is for students who are 8th graders this school year. While at camp, 8th graders from across the state of Oklahoma come together & learn all about electricity, electric safety, the benefits of electric cooperatives and what they're all about! It's so much fun & you definitely want to be a part of this!

Requirements for this contest:

- 1.) You must attend a school in Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative's service territory & be an 8th grader at the time of the essay contest. 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 itself; 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 1st, 2024, no later than 4:00 pm.**
- 7.) Essay Topic is: ***"What is an Electric Cooperative & Why are they important?"***.
- 8.) Essay can be submitted by hand delivery to VVEC headquarters in Collinsville, by email or by U.S. Postal Mail. (**Important!** If mailing, use PO Box, not the physical address)
- 9.) Be prepared to commit & attend the all-expense paid trip to Energy Camp on May 28th - May 31st, 2024 if you are selected as an essay finalist. **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 1st, 2024.

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

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