

VVEC's YouthPower Energy Camp Essay Contest is for any current 8th grade student at your school. What could I win? You could win an all-expense paid trip to an incredible summer camp in the summer of 2025!! YouthPower Energy Camp is an all-expense-paid (FREE) 4-day long adventure in Hinton, Oklahoma in May of 2025, for 8th graders from across the state. It's sponsored by Oklahoma's Electric Cooperatives. What happens at camp? Become an energy expert, experience a high-voltage demo, connect with other 8th graders at camp, see the life of a lineworker, learn about electric, electric safety & electric cooperatives, tap into your leadership skills through success workshops, swim, hike, water games and so much more! You'll definitely want to be a part of this!

TEACHER INCENTIVE: We are 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!!

Contest Requirements:

- 1) You must currently be an 8th grader & attend a school in Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative's service territory. It's not necessary that the student's parents be members of VVEC.
- 2) Essay is to be typed and a minimum of 300 words in length.
- 3) Be original and factual, using your own words, not A.I.
- 4) You can write the essay as an individual or with a classmate as a 2-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, attending camp together.
- 5) Your name should not appear on the essay itself. Instead, attach a cover sheet that has your name, teacher's name, teacher's contact information and school name on it. Also, complete and submit the Energy Camp entry form/application along with your cover sheet and essay.
- 6) Essay Topic: "What is an Electric Cooperative and why are they important to me"?
- 7) Deadline to submit cover sheet, essay and entry form/application is Friday, February 28th, 2025 no later than 4:00 pm.

- 8) Essay can be submitted one of 3 ways; hand delivery in person to VVEC's headquarters in Collinsville, by email or by U.S. Postal Mail. (**Important!!** If mailing, you must send to PO BOX, not physical address.)
- 9) **Also Important!** Be prepared to commit to attending an all-expense-paid trip to YouthPower Energy Camp MAY 27th -30th, 2025 if you are selected as a finalist in the essay contest.

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 28th, 2025.

For More Contest Details: www.vvec.com – Community Programs – YouthPower Energy Camp

For More information, contact:

Misti Frazier, Youth Programs Coordinator, Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative

Mailing: PO BOX 219 Collinsville, OK 74021 **Physical Address:** 8901 E 146th St N Collinsville, OK 74021 Ph 918-371-2584 Mon-Fri, 7:30am – 4pm **Email:** mfrazier@vvec.com