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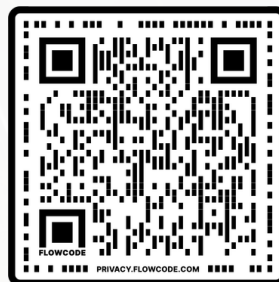


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**SUMMER 2027
JUNE 1-4**

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ENTRY FORM

June 1 - 4, 2027

Student Name:

Student Phone:

Student Email (accessible in summer):

Student Address:

Student City / State / Zip:

Student Gender:

Student School:

Parent/Guardian #1 Name:

Parent/Guardian #1 Phone:

Parent/Guardian #1 Email:

Parent/Guardian #2 Name:

Parent/Guardian #2 Phone:

Parent/Guardian#2 Email:

Rules for Rural Electric Cooperative's 2027 Energy Camp

How to enter:

1. Complete the entry form and essay.
2. Write an original essay (without the use of A.I.) of no less than 250 words on the topic below.
3. Essays must be typed and double-spaced on 8 ½" x 11" paper.
4. No name should appear on the essay but must be included on the entry form along with school name, teacher's name and contact information. Use a paper clip to attach the pages together.
5. Contest papers are due on Wednesday, December 2, 2026.

Essay topic:

"Explain why electricity is important in everyday life and describe how electric cooperatives help deliver safe, reliable power to homes and communities. Including why it is important to use electricity wisely to help protect our resources for the future."

Judging: A panel of judges knowledgeable about electric cooperatives will evaluate and rank the essays. The top six essays will be finalists for this year's contest. Criteria for judging will be as follows:

Knowledge of subject – 40%	Includes a demonstrated understanding of material, relevance of information, direct understanding of subject
Strength of ideas – 25%	Includes recognizable point being made, solid support of your view
Style – 20%	Includes originality of approach, appealing presentation
Writing usage/grammar – 15%	Includes correct use of words, punctuation, spelling and sentence structure.

Final judging: Decisions of the judges are final.

Prize: Eight, eighth grade students from Rural Electric Cooperative's service area will be special guest of REC this summer at the Oklahoma's Electric Cooperatives' Energy Camp, June 1 - 4, 2027, at Oakridge Christian Camp and Retreat Center in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Note: *Family members (as defined in REC's Bylaws and Policies) of REC Trustees and Employees are not eligible to participate in the Energy Camp competition.*

Questions concerning the essay, or the camp should be directed to the Member Services and Marketing Department of Rural Electric Cooperative in Lindsay at 405-756-3104 ext. 238.

Visit REC's website www.recok.coop for more information about Energy Camp.