

# SUMMER CAMP FOR RISING 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!

## MAY 26-28, 2026

A FUN & INTERACTIVE LEADERSHIP CAMP WHERE STUDENTS BUILD LASTING FRIENDSHIPS WHILE DIVING INTO THE CORE VALUES & OPERATIONS OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES.

CAMPERS WILL GROW THEIR CONFIDENCE AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS WHILE DISCOVERING THE POWER OF WORKING TOGETHER.



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# Rules for Rural Electric Cooperative's 2026 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 3, 2025.

## Essay topic:

***"How has electricity shaped modern entertainment and leisure activities like film and television?"***

**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:

<b>Knowledge of subject – 40%</b>	Includes a demonstrated understanding of material, relevance of information, direct understanding of subject
<b>Strength of ideas – 25%</b>	Includes recognizable point being made, solid support of your view
<b>Style – 20%</b>	Includes originality of approach, appealing presentation
<b>Writing usage/grammar – 15%</b>	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, May 26 – 28, 2026, at Canyon Camp in Hinton, 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](http://www.recok.coop) for more information about Energy Camp.**



# ENTRY FORM

May 26 - 28, 2026

**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:**