



Youth Tour & CYCLE 2027

Information Packet







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YOUTH CONFERENCE

2027 Rural Electric Youth Tour & CYCLE

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Thank you for your interest in the 2027 Rural Electric Youth Tour and CYCLE contest and the trips to Washington, D.C and Jefferson City.

This packet contains a list of contest details, and various sections of information which should help you write a winning essay. Information is also available from several websites, addresses for which you will find on the Contest Details sheet, or on the WCE website at www.westcentralelectric.coop.

All the details...

YOUTH TOUR:



June 16-22, 2027

- 3-5 students will win (depending on number of entries)
- $3,000 value per student
- 100+ students from Missouri will attend
- Nearly 2,000 students from across the nation all in D.C. at the same time!
- You will visit memorials, the U.S. Capitol Building, the Smithsonian Museums, cruise the Potomac at night, meet and visit with your senators and representatives, **make valuable connections** and more!

CYCLE:

(Cooperative Youth Conference & Leadership Experience)



July 20-23, 2027

- 5 students from our service area will win
- 100+ students from around our state
- **Top-notch speakers and hands-on leadership activities**
- Day trip to St. Louis
- Explore career opportunities **HANDS ON** at State Tech! (including operating heavy equipment!)
- **Write and debate your own bill on the floor** of the Mo. House of Representatives.
- Meet other young leaders from around the state, as well as **make valuable connections** and more!

The essay topic is listed on the Contest Details sheet. Please follow the directions listed on the Contest Details sheet carefully.

The top 8-10 finalists (number of finalists depends on the number of entries received) in the written portion of the competition will present their essays during an oral competition in Higginsville on **Wednesday, April 7, 2027**. Following the oral competition, we will name the winners (depending on the number of essays received) who will receive the all-expense-paid trips to the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Good luck! We hope to see YOU at the finals in April!

2027 Rural Electric Youth Tour & CYCLE

Contest Details:

The Topics: Students will write an essay on ONE of the following topics:

"How my electric cooperative has made a difference in my school, community, to me/my family"

(As a MEMBER-OWNED, NOT-FOR-PROFIT electric cooperative, we are intentionally different. Cooperatives are focused on PEOPLE, not PROFITS. One of the most important missions of cooperatives is to make their local communities a better place for you to live. If you choose this topic, your essay should focus on how cooperatives make a difference.)

OR

Choose a cooperative career you might be interested in and discuss why you might like to work for a cooperative in your future career

Examples:

"How my electric cooperative has made a difference in my community"

Discuss projects in your community that WCE has helped fund through Operation RoundUp (park and rec equipment and facilities, senior centers, food pantries, fairground upgrades, Big Brothers Big Sisters program, clothes closets, 4-H, Scouts); WCE sponsoring community events, assisting with projects like helping to hang banners at the local veterans home, handing out lighted trinkets at Halloween to keep kids visible, etc.

"How my electric cooperative has made a difference in my school"

School projects funded through Operation RoundUp (band instruments, computer programs, backsnack programs, books, PE equipment); donating to After Prom, Project Grad and other events; providing scholarships and opportunities like Youth Tour and CYCLE; giving electrical safety demonstrations; bringing equipment like bucket trucks out to show kids what we do; attending STEM and STEAM events; supporting FFA, etc.

"How my electric cooperative has made a difference to me/my family"

Returning capital credits (member equity--money back) to members; following legislation and talking to elected officials to make sure they understand what rural members need; providing you with a scholarship; Youth Tour and CYCLE opportunities; working for our members, not to make a profit; providing safe, reliable, affordable electricity; quickly repairing outages rain or shine, sleet or snow, day or night; taking care of the environment, etc.

Choose a cooperative career you might be interested in and discuss why you might like to work for a cooperative in your future career

Cooperatives have careers spanning from the **trades/skills** to the **academic/professional careers**. Cooperatives employ linemen, mechanics, warehouse managers, right-of-way coordinators, engineers, mapping technicians, IT, accountants, human resources personnel, marketing and communications specialists and MANY more. Talk about why you want to pursue a certain career, and how working for a cooperative would allow you to have your dream job. Describe your job at the cooperative, the things you would do in your job, what a day in your job is like, why your job is rewarding, etc.

***Essays that do not stick to the topic, follow the guidelines, are deemed inappropriate, or are written with AI will be immediately disqualified.**

Assignment: Contestants should submit a 600-word, typed, creative essay on an above topic. On a separate cover sheet, include the following information: Your name and address, telephone number, parents' names, school, teacher's name and title of your essay. Also include the title at the TOP OF PAGE ONE of your essay. DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON ANY PART OF THE ESSAY -- COVER SHEET ONLY

Resources: This packet contains research material which should provide you with the needed resources to write your essay. However, feel free to add other sources for your essay if you wish. You are also welcome to interview someone, or use any other additional sources you find helpful. Please include them at the end of the essay in a works cited page. Some websites which you may find helpful:

- **National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (www.nreca.org)**
- **Members First (www.membersfirst.coop)**
- **NRECA International (nrecainternational.coop)**
- **Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (www.aeci.org)**
- **West Central Electric (www.westcentralelectric.coop)**

Contest Details continued:

Mail essays to:
Heather Hoflander, Youth Tour Coordinator
West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.
7867 S. Highway 13
Higginsville, MO 64037
(Please coordinate this with your teacher so he or she can mail all of your school's essays together.)

Entry Deadline:
Essays must be received in the Higginsville office **no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, 2026.**

How Essays will be scored:
There are 100 points possible based on five areas:
1. Knowledge of subject
2. Originality
3. Content (ability to adhere to topic)
4. Composition
5. Grammar, spelling & neatness

Essays will be blind-judged. (Before being sent to the judges, your cover page will be omitted so judges will not know who the writer is, what school the writer attends, etc.) Essays will be judged by other Youth Tour coordinators from around the state. ***Please note that essays which do not adhere to the assigned topics will be disqualified and will not be sent to the written judges. WCE and contest judges reserve the right to disqualify any essay that is deemed inappropriate or that fails to accurately reflect the cooperative message, in addition to any essay written using AI.**

How do I become a finalist?
Essays will be sent to three written judges who will read and score each essay. The three scores will be combined for a total written score. The top eight (or more depending on number of essays received) total written scores will be named finalists. Each finalist will be invited to present their essay before a panel of three oral judges at 7 p.m. Wed., April 7, 2027 at West Central Electric's headquarters office in Higginsville. Family members, teachers and principals will be invited to attend.

How the oral judges score finalists:
There are 100 points possible from three oral judges. Scores are based on five areas:
1. Speaking ability
2. Knowledge of subject
3. Content (ability to adhere to topic)
4. Originality
5. Presentation of self

Who are the oral judges?
Oral judges are selected from the employee pools of other electric cooperatives or from area communities. Oral judges may include other Youth Tour and CYCLE coordinators or employees from other cooperatives, Youth Tour or CYCLE alumni, etc.

How the winners are chosen:
Each finalist's total written score and total oral score will be added together for a final contest score. The top three (or more depending on the number of essays received) winners will be announced as West Central's delegates for the Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. June 16-22, 2027.

Five finalists will win a trip to CYCLE:
Five students will also be named winners of a trip to Jefferson City for the cooperative-sponsored "Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience" (CYCLE), a 4-day leadership conference set for July 20-23, 2027.

If you are selected as a finalist, you are expected to attend whichever trip you win.
If you know that you will not be able to attend the D.C trip, please let us know ASAP, as we can swap places among the winners if necessary. If you are chosen as a finalist and know you will not be able to attend either trip, please notify us immediately so we can give the next person in line your place in the finals and a chance at one of the trips. Don't cheat someone else out of the experience!

Do I have to be in an organized high school class to enter?
No. You may enter this contest on your own by following the procedures on this sheet. There have been several independent entries (including home school students) over the years who have made the finals and won the trips to Washington, D.C. and Jefferson City.

West Central Electric Cooperative's

2027 Rural Electric Youth Tour & CYCLE Contest

Please provide us with the following information to be used if you are selected as a finalist. This information will be used for the finalist reception program, to introduce you if you are selected as a finalist, and for a news release if you are selected as a finalist. **THIS INFORMATION SHEET MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ESSAY.**

Name:

Age:

Parents:

Address:

Email address (that you **WILL CHECK** on a regular basis):

BEST Telephone number to call or text you:

School:

Teacher:

School activities in which you participate:

Future plans:

West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.
MEDIA RELEASE FORM

I understand that through my participation in the West Central Electric Cooperative Rural Electric Youth Tour competition, my name, image and information provided by me to the cooperative may be used in various forms of media (print, video, online, etc.) while reporting and promoting information about the Youth Tour competition.

I hereby consent and authorize the use of my image and information by West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and anyone authorized by West Central Electric Cooperative.

Signature:_____

Printed Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone Number:_____

Signature of parent or guardian (if minor):_____

***Please include this form with your essay entry.**

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Essay and Oral Presentation Scoring

Written Essay (100 points possible)

Knowledge of Subject — **30 points**
(Demonstrates a basic understanding of the Rural Electric program as it relates to his or her chosen topic.)

Originality — **30 points**
(Essay shows thought beyond the facts given in the resource packet, not just a regurgitation of the materials provided.)

Content (ability to adhere to topic) — **20 points**
(Essay clearly elaborates on the topic chosen with facts to back up the writer's opinions.)

Composition — **10 points**
(Essay is composed in an organized format, flows well, and has good transitions.)

Grammar, Spelling and Neatness — **10 points**
(Words, sentences and paragraphs follow the standard rules of grammar; words are spelled correctly, and essay is typed or computer-generated without messy corrections.)

Oral Presentation (100 points possible)

Speaking Ability — **30 points**
(Student is able to speak clearly, has eye contact and expression, speaks rather than recites.)

Knowledge of Subject — **20 points**
(Demonstrates a basic understanding of the Rural Electric program as it relates to the chosen topic.)

Content (ability to adhere to topic) — **20 points**
(Essay clearly elaborates on the topic chosen with facts to back up the writer's opinions.)

Originality — **20 points**
(Essay shows thought beyond the regurgitation of facts from sources provided.)

Presentation of self — **10 points**
(Neat appearance, demonstrates a positive attitude and poise, seems excited to be a part of the contest, and exhibits a strong desire to be chosen as a delegate for the Rural Electric Youth Tour.)

Explaining Cooperatives

What is a cooperative?

With the help of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who established the Rural Electrification Administration in 1935, friends and neighbors banded together to create a new kind of electric utility, where the voice of every person made a difference. Electric cooperatives brought electric power to the rural areas when no one else would. Today, America's electric cooperatives provide much more than competitively-priced, reliable energy. They are committed to improving the quality of life in their communities.

Electric cooperatives are locally-owned and operated businesses established to supply electricity to their member-owners. They are are owned by the people who use the power the co-op provides, so its customers are also its owners. They are committed to putting their consumers first, and being responsive to local needs. Electric co-ops are governed by a board of directors elected from among the membership. Any member may run for the board, and all members are asked to participate in an annual membership meeting at which board members are elected.

Who is West Central Electric Cooperative?

A member-owned not-for-profit cooperative, West Central Electric Cooperative was formed in 1939 to bring electricity to rural west central Missouri. Rural Missourians began the co-op when existing utilities believed that energizing the countryside wasn't a profitable venture. There are 40 rural electric cooperatives in the state of Missouri. WCE now provides power to more than 14,800 meters through more than 2,500 miles of line in five counties, including Lafayette, Johnson, Eastern Jackson and a small part of Cass and Pettis counties. The company's headquarters is located in Higginsville, Missouri, with a branch office in Oak Grove.

West Central Electric operates as a cooperative system which is regulated by a set of bylaws. This means that when someone signs up for service, they become a member, and therefore a part owner of the cooperative. A board of directors is elected from among the members, and the board meets monthly to make decisions concerning the cooperative's business. Members of the cooperative have an equal vote on all amendments, bylaws and directors.

What is member equity (capital credits)?

As a member of West Central Electric Cooperative, this is your business. While other electric consumers are paying some huge corporation for their electricity, WCE members are basically paying themselves for their own electricity.

After operating expenses for the co-op are met each year, any funds (profits) that remain are assigned to the members in the form of member equity (or capital credit allocations) which are your share of the amount paid for actual electric service, based on the cost of your electricity for the year. Capital credits are the cooperative's equity. They make it possible to secure loans and maintain facilities and services. When the equity level is high enough, the board of directors authorizes the disbursement of capital credits.

West Central Electric has repaid nealry $45 million in member equity(capital credits) to its members!

What else do Electric Cooperatives do?

Obviously the number-one goal of a rural electric cooperative is to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity to our members. But that is just one of the ways electric cooperatives work for their member-owners.

Safety Programs--We offer several safety programs and demonstrations appropriate for all ages from preschool children to adults at schools, businesses, area 4-H meetings, businesses and community groups.

Rural Electric Youth Tour and CYCLE -- Each year, West Central Electric sends delegates to Washington, D.C. for the National Rural Electric Youth Tour, and to Jefferson City for the Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience known as CYCLE.

Scholarship Programs -- West Central offers three scholarship programs to students in our service area.

Energy Efficiency/Rebate Programs -- West Central Electric offers rebates to members who install energy-efficient appliances and provides its members with information on using electricity efficiently and easy steps they can take to reduce their energy consumption and therefore save money on their electric bills.

Committment to Local Communities -- One of the core values of Touchstone Energy Cooperatives is a commitment to their local communities. WCE donates both time and money to various community events and organizations. One of the cooperative's biggest areas of interest is area 4-H and FFA. The cooperative helps sponsor county 4-H and FFA fairs, and cooperative employees donate time to judge at area fairs, serve as 4-H project leaders and judge at area and district speech contests. The cooperative is also a sponsor of various school and community events throughout its service area, and co-op employees also serve on many different boards and leadership teams from chambers of commerce to economic development boards to coordinators of programs like CHOICES.

Operation RoundUp-- A grant program which provides funding for various community and school projects in the service area.

A small sampling of the RoundUp grants awarded in 2026.
Full 2026 and past years' listings at: https://www.westcentralelectric.coop/roundup-foundation

Fourth quarter 2026 RoundUp Grants

Want to join in?

To particicpate in Operation RoundUp and support your local community, contact WCE at 800-491-3803 or 816-565-4042.

Grants are awarded quarterly. The next round of grants will be awarded in January 2027. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2026.

> **"Skipping just one fancy coffee will pay for a whole year of Operation RoundUp."**
>
> Amy Hoover, RoundUp Foundation president



Holden HS Project Plus
$4,000 grant

Transform biomedical science classroom into hands-on, simulated clinical environment that mirrors real-world settings

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Immanuel Lutheran School
$1,000 grant

Security lock for school building



Grandview Elementary School
$2,000 grant

New kiln and essential supplies for the art department



Helen's House, Odessa
$1,500 grant

Storage containers and clothing



Oak Grove Middle School
$500 grant

Class calculators



Odessa Community Service Center
$2,000 grant

Food assistance



McQuerry Elementary School
$700 grant

P.E. Department frisbees

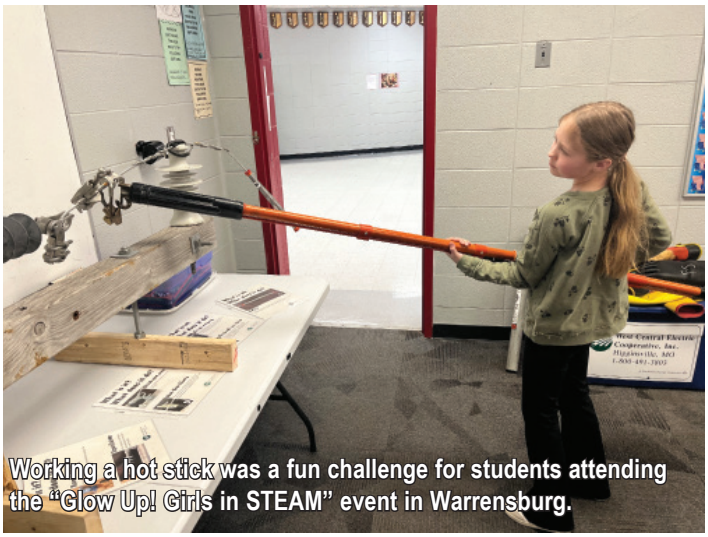
From your cooperative



Operations Manager Scott Gard talks to students at Concordia High School about how the cooperative system is set up.



Trying their hand at working in a lineman's gloves was a hit at Sni-A-Bar Elementary's STEM night.



Working a hot stick was a fun challenge for students attending the "Glow Up! Girls in STEAM" event in Warrensburg.

Education, Training and Information

Cooperative Principle #5: "Education, Training and Information for members, elected representatives (directors), CEOs, and employees help them effectively contribute to the development of their cooperatives. Communications about the nature and benefits of cooperatives, particularly with the general public and opinion leaders, help boost cooperative understanding."

"Participating in community and school events allows us to spread that message, while teaching things like **electrical safety** and **how electricity 'happens**,'" *Communications Specialist Heather Hoflander said.*

Your electric cooperative is about much more than just providing our members with safe, reliable and affordable electricity. Keeping with each of the 7 Cooperative Principles is an important part of the bigger picture.



We do our best to educate about electrical safety, energy efficiency, the proper use of generators and how the electric system works, so we welcome the chance to get out in our communities and talk to members and non-members alike. In February, we gave several school safety programs and participated in several STEM and STEAM events that put us in touch with families from all around our service area.

What is Operation RoundUp?

Operation RoundUp is a program designed to collect donations that will be used to benefit charitable organizations and the communities within the WCE service territory.

How did RoundUp begin?

The program was created by Palmetto Electric Cooperative in South Carolina in 1989. Since that time, the program has been adopted by more than 200 electric cooperatives nationwide and 18 cooperatives in Missouri. WCE has participated in the program since Sept. 1, 2018.

How does RoundUp work?

WCE members who want to particiate have their monthly bill rounded up to the next dollar. For example, if your bill is $65.50, it would be rounded up to $66.00. A bill of $59.99 would be rounded up to $60.00. The funds collected are placed into the WCE Round Up Foundation and are donated to charitable organizations through an application process. WCE RoundUp Foundation does not keep any of the money collected. On average, a member will donate $6.00 a year. Your donation is tax deductible, and you may opt out simply by contacting the cooperative if you do not wish to participate.

Why get involved in Operation RoundUp?

WCE exists to serve the changing needs of members by enhancing the quality of life through support of community developments and identifying and serving the members' energy needs. By adopting the Operation RoundUp program we can continue our commitment to our local communities and better serve our members.

Operation RoundUp Grant Recipients:

- Holden Food Pantry
- Odessa Community Services
- Holden Senior Center
- Trinity Lutheran School – Alma
- Partners for Odessa Parks & Rec
- Mayview Missouri Foundation
- Church Women of Higginsville
- Chilhowee Park Board
- Tri-County Outreach – Waverly
- Concordia Senior Center
- Higginsville Senior Center
- MU Extension of Lafayette & Johnson Counties
- Good Shepherd Care Community
- Mayview Fire Protection District
- Warrensburg Middle School
- Binding Hearts Quilt Ministry
- Montessori Schoolhouse – Higginsville
- Concordia Fire Protection District
- Assembly of God – Higginsville
- Lafayette County Enterprises
- Johnson Co. Livestock Committee
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Johnson Co.
- Corder Fire Protection District
- Lafayette Co. C-1 Phys. Ed. Dept.
- Concordia High School Backsnack Program
- Chilhowee Baptist Church
- Santa Fe FFA Backsnack Program
- Knob Noster Footsteps
- Health Care Coalition of Lafayette Co.
- University Extention--Lafayette & Johnson Co. 4H
- Chilhowee School District
- Helen's House
- Crest Ridge School District
- Friends of Lone Jack 33, Inc.

**list is just a sampling, as multiple awards are given throughout the year*

How much of a difference can Operation RoundUp really make?

WCE has over 12,000 members. If 50% of our membership participates in the program, Operation RoundUp could raise approximately $36,000 per year. With those funds going to charitable organizations within our communities, the possibilities are endless.

Did you know your pocket change could change a life?



OPERATION ROUNDUP®

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Applications and awarding of funds procedures

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

Applications will be accepted from individuals or entities located geographically within the area served by the Cooperative. Organizations or individuals providing activities, programs, or benefits to people who live in the Cooperative geographic service area are eligible for funding consideration.

EVALUATION FACTORS

The following factors will be considered in the evaluation of all funding requests:

- Potential benefit to the area residents and the entire community; or,
- Level of the community support for the program or project or the organization requesting the funds; or,
- Fiscal and administrative capacity of the organization to deliver on proposed activities; or,
- Available balance of WCEF accounts; or,
- Provide predictable and evaluative results.

FUNDING RESTRICTIONS

Contributions shall not be made for the following:

- Political, lobbying, fraternal, labor organizations.
- Fund-raising dinners, raffles, and other events.
- Capital fund campaigns.
- National fund drives.
- Advertising.
- Scholarship programs or individual scholarships.
- Uniforms or general sponsorships for league or traveling sports teams.
- Internal payroll expenses of an organization.
- Donations to organizations associated with a school district shall be limited to $10,000 per calendar year.
- Organizations or individuals located outside the Cooperative geographic service area requesting support for activities occurring outside the Cooperative geographic service area.







Major Funding Categories

- Community Service
- Economic Development
- Education and Youth
- Environment
- Disaster Relief



Looking out for our members

One of electric cooperatives' most important roles is looking out for our members. That takes many different forms from ensuring a safe, reliable and affordable power supply; to monitoring state and federal regulations that could affect cooperative members' electric rates and reliablity of service; to being responsible stewards of the environment; to helping our members save money on their electric bills by producing and transmitting power at the lowest cost possible.

KEEPING TRACK OF LEGISLATION AFFECTING OUR MEMBERS

AMEC's Government Relations Department represents the interests of Missouri's electric cooperatives and their members before the Missouri General Assembly, state agencies and the U.S. Congress. Their responsibilities include educating lawmakers about Missouri's electric cooperatives, monitoring legislation which affects co-ops and their members and influencing legislation when necessary. The department also works closely with regulators and other state officials.





ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Our focus on serving members drives us to be good stewards of the environment and of our members' resources. We've balanced our responsibilities to produce reliable, affordable, responsible electricity, and constantly seek ways to improve the efficiency and environmental performance of our units at our power plants.

Associated Electric Cooperative and its members have invested more than $1 billion since 1994 to improve air quality and care for our land and water resources, reducing nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and mercury emissions. We have achieved national recognition for restoring land that today provides pasture, woodlands, wildlife habitat and outdoor recreational opportunities. We've partnered to bring the first utility-scale wind farms to Missouri -- and we buy all the power from those farms, as well as farms in Oklahoma and Kansas.

AFFORDABILITY AND RELIABILITY

We understand ultimately, all costs are paid by our rural electric cooperative members. That drives us to innovate and find ways to provide reliable power in the most economical way. The goal of our three-tiered system of cooperatives is to deliver reliable electricity to cooperative member-consumers at the lowest cost possible. Associated and its six member-owners' integrated, high-voltage transmission system is a key resource for ensuring affordable, reliable power for members.

Associated ensures reliability with a balanced mix of generating and transmission assets including natural gas, reliable coal and alternative energy like wind and hydropower.



From the 2025 AECI Responsibility Report that can be found at:
https://www.aeci.org/environmental-stewardship
(aeci.org under "Member-led Power")



$1B+

invested in reducing air emissions since 2005

36.4%

decrease in carbon emissions since 2005

$115M

invested to meet Coal Combustion Residuals and Effluent Limitations Guidelines issued by the EPA since 2015

RESPONSIBLY POWERING A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

As an electric cooperative, Associated's employees and rural members live where we generate electricity and take pride in caring for the air we breathe, water we drink and land we farm. Accountability to each other, and the resources we all depend on, is the foundation of Associated's strong culture of compliance, safety, innovation and environmental stewardship.

Balanced generation fleet shrinks carbon footprint

In the push and pull between the competing priorities of reliable, affordable and responsible power, Associated remains committed to managing a balanced generation fleet that decreases environmental impact while meeting members' power supply needs.

Associated's diverse generation fleet of coal, natural gas, liquid fuel, wind and hydropower resources allows for optionality that enables the co-op to take advantage of weather and lower carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions. Overall, our CO_2 emissions per megawatt-hour produced has been reduced by more than a third since 2005, thanks to alternative generation resources, plant heat rate improvements and a shift to natural gas generation.

Looking to the future, Associated's long-range environmental planning is key to continued environmental stewardship as demand for energy increases. When forming our long-term investment and development plans, a range of carbon-reduction scenarios are evaluated and prioritized for compliance with all federal and state regulations. Currently, Associated is constructing two new natural gas peaking units, one in Missouri and one in Oklahoma, to reliably power member needs. The new simple-cycle units will comply with all emissions requirements, be capable of burning a blend of up to 30% hydrogen if viable and economical, and have selective catalytic reducers installed to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions.

Left: Alex Leathers, chemical lab technician at Thomas Hill Energy Center, collects daily water samples for lab testing that ensures water quality and environmental compliance.

Missouri Electric Cooperatives

CO-OP CAREERS



OPERATIONS

- Lineman
- Mechanic
- Right of Way
- System Operator/Dispatcher
- Safety Coordinator
- Warehouseman
- & Much More

MEMBER SERVICES

- Economic Development
- Community Engagement
- Billing Specialist
- Event Coordinator
- MSR/CSR
- Energy Advisor
- & Much More





ENGINEERING

- Staking
- Electrical
- Systems
- GIS
- & Much More



COMMUNICATIONS

- Social Media Specialist
- Photographer
- Journalism
- Digital Content Creator
- Public Relations
- Marketing
- & Much More

ADMINISTRATION

- Accounting
- Management
- Human Resources
- Event Planning
- IT
- Administrative Assistant
- & Much More



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WORKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

47 COOPERATIVES ACROSS THE STATE

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From your cooperative



When the call for help comes, it doesn't matter where it's from

Missouri electric cooperatives deployed 184 linemen and support personnel to Alabama in October to assist with repairs following the destruction from Hurricane Isaias. Crews from 30 co-ops, including five from WCE, left Saturday, Oct. 10, for the two-day trip to southern Alabama.

Crews headed to three electric cooperatives: Southern Pine Electric Cooperative in Brewton, (where WCE crews were assigned), Covington Electric Cooperative in Andalusia, and Wiregrass Electric Cooperative in Hartford.



Linemen Connor Lamphier, Garrett Nair, Drew Schmidt, Nathan Johnson and Dylan Lilleman.

"One of the greatest strengths of the electric cooperative family is knowing you never have to face a storm alone," said Caleb Jones, CEO/general manager of Missouri Electric Cooperatives. "When a cooperative needs help, others step up. We're proud of the Missouri lineworkers answering that call."

Hurricane Isaias made landfall near Destin, Florida, late Oct. 9 as a Category 2 hurricane, bringing powerful winds and heavy rain to the Gulf Coast. The storm toppled trees, damaged power lines and left hundreds of thousands without electricity. About 300,000 homes and businesses in Alabama were without power early Saturday, including approximately 90% of the Southern Pine system.

Missouri cooperatives participating in the mutual aid response included: **Barry Electric** (Cassville), **Black River Electric** (Fredericktown), **Boone Electric** (Columbia), **Central Missouri Electric** (Sedalia), **Citizens Electric** (Perryville), **Co-Mo Connect** (Tipton), **Consolidated Electric** (Mexico), **Crawford Electric** (Bourbon), **Cuivre River Electric** (Troy), **Farmers' Electric** (Chillicothe), **Gascosage Electric** (Dixon), **Grundy Electric** (Trenton), **Howard Electric** (Fayette), **Howell-Oregon Electric** (West Plains), **Laclede Electric** (Lebanon), **Lewis County Rural Electric** (Lewistown), **Macon Electric** (Macon), **North Central Missouri Electric** (Milan), **Osage Valley Electric** (Butler), **Ozark Electric** (Mount Vernon), **Pemiscot-Dunklin Electric** (Kennett), **Platte-Clay Electric** (Kearney), **SEMO Electric** (Sikeston), **Southwest Electric** (Bolivar), **Three Rivers Electric** (Linn), **Tri-County Electric** (Lancaster), **United Electric** (Savannah), **Webster Electric** (Marshfield), **West Central Electric** (Higginsville), **White River Valley Electric** (Branson).