

Dear Student,

Congratulations on choosing to participate in Verdigris Valley Electric's Youth Tour or Energy Camp program! These programs offer you the opportunity to make new friends and lots of memories, along with learning about electricity and electric cooperatives.

**Youth Tour** is an all-expense paid, week-long visit to Washington, D.C. in June. It is for students who are juniors in high school this year. **YouthPower Energy Camp** is four days in late May at Canyon Camp near Hinton, west of Oklahoma City, and is for students who are 8<sup>th</sup> graders this year.

Your parents DO NOT need to be members of VVEC for you to participate in these programs.

### **Youth Tour**

11th grade students wanting to enter the Youth Tour program will need to submit an essay.

The essay needs to be type-written, double-spaced, and needs to be between 600 and 800 words. The 11<sup>th</sup> grade topic this year is **"In your own words, explain the 7 Cooperative Principles that VVEC adheres to and why they are important."** You can use the information included in this packet, or from any other source you choose. You are not required to cite your sources. Please DO NOT put your name on your essay; instead, include a cover sheet with your name and school. You must also complete and submit the Youth Tour entry form with your essay. The entry form is in this packet and also available on our website; [www.vvec.com](http://www.vvec.com).

**Deadline to submit your essay to me is 4 p.m. Friday, March 1, 2019.**

We will send two students to Washington based on the highest scoring essay. There are two runners-up who will win a \$750 and a \$500 scholarship.

## **Energy Camp**

8<sup>th</sup> grade students wanting to participate in the YouthPower Energy Camp competition need to write an essay on the topic “**Having already experienced life with electricity, explain how different life would be and the challenges you would face if you suddenly had to live without electricity.**” The essay needs to be a minimum of 300 words. You can write it as an individual or with a classmate as a two-student team. If your essay is selected as one of the two winning essays, then you and your co-writer will both win the trip to Energy Camp.

Do not put your name(s) on your essay; instead, include a cover sheet with your name(s) and school. You must complete and submit the Energy Camp entry form with your essay. The entry form is in this packet and also on our website; [www.vvec.com](http://www.vvec.com)

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Youth Tour and Energy Camp are great opportunities and I applaud your desire to participate. I am available to answer any questions about the competitions or the trips, so please feel free to contact me. My contact information is as follows:

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918-371-2584, ext. 6226, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Good Luck!

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