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# APPLY TODAY FOR YOUTH TOUR AND ENERGY CAMP 2020

pplications are now open for 2020 YouthPower Energy Camp and Washington Youth Tour. Energy Camp is a four-day camp in late May, held at Canyon Camp in Hinton, Oklahoma. It is for students who are eighth-graders this year. Youth Tour is an all-expenses-paid, weeklong visit to Washington, D.C., in June. It is for students who are juniors in high school this year. VVEC will send two students to Washington, D.C., based on the highest scoring essays; two runners up will win a \$750 or \$500 scholarship. VVEC membership is not required for participation in these programs. For more information, visit www.vvec.com and click on "Community Programs."



#### **Washington Youth Tour**

**Essay Topic** Who is VVEC? Explain the differences and advantages of electric cooperatives vs. a corporately owned utility.

**Essay Guidelines** 600-800 words (typed, double spaced)

**Essay Deadline** February 7, 2020 at 4 p.m.



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### YouthPower Energy Camp

#### **Essay Topic**

What is an electric cooperative, its mission and more?

#### **Essay Guidelines**

300 words minimum. Students may write individually or in a two-person team.

#### Essay Deadline

February 7, 2020 at 4 p.m.

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#### **MEMBER REPRESENTATION**

# **TRUSTEES TO RETAIN BOARD POSITIONS**



Charles Huerter District 7



Ken Howard District 8



Buddy McCarty District 9

VVEC trustees Charles Huerter, Ken Howard and Buddy McCarty will retain their board positions as no quorum was reached during the October and November District Meetings.



## **December Energy Tip**

Trim your holiday energy costs by choosing energy efficient LED lights! LED holiday lights use less energy and can last up to 40 seasons. They're also easier to install-you can connect up to 25 LED strings without overloading a wall socket!

Source: energy.gov



VVEC WISHES YOU & YOURS A VERY **HAPPY HOLIDAY** SEASON & A **PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**!



#### **Peppermint Shortbread Cookies** *Yields approximately 3 dozen*

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup peppermint baking chips

In stand mixer fitted with paddle attachment, cream butter, powdered sugar, vanilla and salt until smooth. Gradually add flour and mix on low until combined. Add baking chips and continue mixing on low until fully combined.

On wax paper or parchment paper, form dough into 12 to 14-inch log and freeze at least 30 minutes, or until firm.

Heat oven to 350°F. Cut shortbread dough into 1/4-inch slices; bake 13 to 15 minutes on parchment-lined baking sheets.

Recipe and photo courtesy of Milk Means More.

#### **OFFICE CLOSED NOTICE**

VVEC offices will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24th and 25th and Wednesday, January 1st, 2020.

#### **IN CASE OF AN OUTAGE**

• First, check your fuses or circuit breakers. Every service is different. You may have fuses or circuit breakers in your house, on the side of your house, under your meter, or all three places. Check to see if your neighbors have electricity.

• Then, call the Co-op at 371-2584, or 1-800-870-5948. Have your account number, name as it appears on the account, and address handy to give to the dispatcher. If you should get a recording, leave your information; every message will be answered. Or, download the SmartHub app to report outages from your smartphone.

#### WINTER RESIDENTIAL RATES

October through March usage, November through April billing

Customer Charge | \$30.00 Energy Charge | \$.07772/kWh

A power cost adjustment (PCA) will be applied to all bills when the actual cost of power purchased exceeds or is less than 59.87 mills per kWh.

In addition, a gross receipts tax of 2% of revenue will be included, plus additional taxes if applicable.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

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# **VVEC IS LOOKING FOR LOST MEMBERS: CURRENT ADDRESSES NEEDED**

If you see a name on the list that you recognize and you have information about a current address, please contact us at 918-371-2584.

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