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Rolling Hills Empowers Student Leaders at Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp

CLAY GUTTERY, representing Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, participated in the 47th Annual Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp (CYLC) July 12-18, 2024. Near scenic Steamboat Springs, Colorado, this event brought together 79 student leaders from Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Wyoming. They were sponsored by 44 participating electric and agriculture cooperatives.

Guttery was one of several applicants who underwent rigorous evaluation that included an application, open book test, written essay and interview. Guttery was selected by RHEC because of his exemplary leadership skills, academic prowess, involvement in extracurricular activities, and strong character as demonstrated in his application and interview.

Throughout the camp, students



Clay Guttery (left) poses with fellow campers for a quick picture with the beautiful mountains of Colorado.

learned about the cooperative organizational structure and operation by forming a candy cooperative. To successfully operate their cooperatives, students collaborated with their peers,

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YOUTH PROGRAM TRIPS

Summer 2025



Applications open now for all-expenses-paid trip and scholarship

Summer 2025 may seem far away as fall fades and winter approaches, but finding and selecting stellar delegates for youth trips takes time. Rolling Hills Electric is now accepting applications from **HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES OR JUNIORS** who are interested in competing for a “trip of a lifetime.”

In addition to the trip, **EACH WINNER WILL RECEIVE A \$500 SCHOLARSHIP** to the college of their choice upon high school graduation.

To be eligible, parents’ or guardians’ primary residence must be on Rolling Hills Electric’s power lines. We encourage all eligible students to apply for the summer youth trip!

Rolling Hills will sponsor delegates to attend Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Rolling Hills Electric pays for transportation, lodging, meals and other incidental costs.

The safety of our students and chaperones is our top priority. If trip coordinators believe that travel is unsafe, we will cancel the trips. In this case, we may offer an alternate activity for an award.

TO APPLY, SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY DEC. 30, 2024. Application details can be found at www.rollinghills.coop/apply-our-youth-programs.

Summer will be here before you know it. **DON'T DELAY; ENTER TODAY!**



Submit your application by Saturday, Dec. 30, 2024.

2024 YOUTH TOUR APPLICATION

Applicant Name _____ Birth date _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Student Phone _____ Student Email _____

Grade _____ School _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Electric Account No. _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Phone _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Email _____

I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true.

Applicant Signature _____

The safety of our students and chaperones is our top priority. If the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour or Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp organizers believe that travel is unsafe due to concerns with the coronavirus (or any other acts of terrorism, disaster, civil disorder, or curtailment of transportation facilities), the trip will be canceled.

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elected a board of student directors, appointed a general manager, formed committees, and engaged in daily membership meetings. In addition to these experiences, participants attended seminars covering leadership, conflict management, and co-op career pathways. The agenda also featured sessions on electric safety and avian protection by HawkQuest, as well as a tour of the Craig Power Station.

CYLC wasn't just about professional development; it also embraced the spirit of camaraderie and adventure. Students ventured to Mount Werner, downtown Steamboat Springs and went white water rafting on the Colorado River. Students also participated in various recreational activities including a volleyball tournament, swimming, a talent show, and a dance.



A highlight at camp each year is rafting on the Colorado River.

"At Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, we are invested in empowering young leaders," said Jason Rabe, general manager/CEO. "That's why we're excited to continue supporting the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. It's our way of giving students the chance to step up and make a real impact in our community."

RHEC sponsors a trip for one student each year. For more information, contact Lisa Colson at 800-530-5572.

COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP Q&A WITH CLAY GUTTERY

WHAT PART OF CAMP AFFECTED YOU THE MOST?

The counselors and ambassadors showed me I have the skills needed to be a leader and only need to step out of my comfort zone.



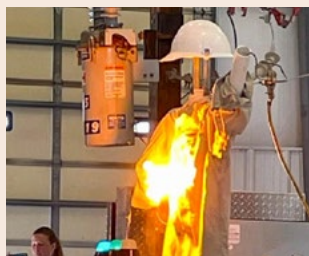
WHAT ON THE TRIP INSPIRED YOU?

Get comfortable being uncomfortable. That's how you grow as a person and get to experience some truly wonderful things.

WHAT DID YOU WISH YOU HAD KNOWN BEFORE ATTENDING CAMP?

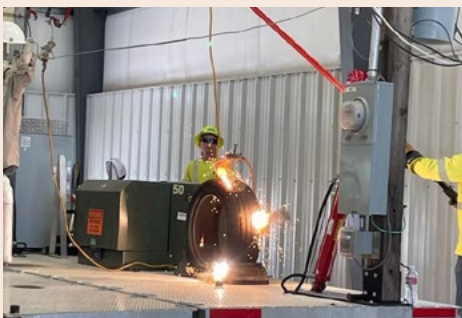
Chocolate milk is available, you just have to order it. There is nothing to be nervous about before attending camp. Just have fun.

LINEMEN PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL KIDS AG DAY



These pictures show what could happen if an individual contacts a power line. Using an orange to represent a heart, kids can see the inside of the orange is burnt after contact with a live line.

Lincoln County Kids were shocked to see the "what could happen to you" electrical demonstration.



Marc Martin, operations manager, asks a question and many students show eagerness to answer.

Rolling Hills Sponsors Chamber Chat and Welcomes Members to New Outpost



The open house for the Rolling Hills Electric Co-op Belleville Outpost took place Oct. 3, providing a great opportunity for members and attendees to explore, engage and learn more about their local co-op.

General Manager/CEO Jason Rabe gave a cooperative update followed by cutting the ribbon, which Outpost Foreman Kendall Strutt and Journeyman Lineman Kevin Kolars held.

The new Belleville Outpost will provide linemen with a larger space for equipment, inventory and working on deliverable infrastructure prior to being deployed in the system.

Those in attendance were past and current board members, retired employees, and local community members.

Prize drawings for Bobo's Meats baskets were won by **NANCY NAYSMITH** and **DOROTHY GROVE**, while a goodie bag was won by **EVELYN DAVIDSON**.

Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative would like to thank the Belleville Chamber of Commerce and the community for making the open house a seamless and well-received event.



Jason Rabe, general manager/CEO, welcomes the Belleville community.



Rabe discusses the highs and lows of industry challenges.



RHEC employees and community members visit during the open house.



Community members enjoyed breakfast pizza, doughnuts and coffee at the opening of our new building.