

2009-2010

YOUTH ENERGY CAMP ESSAY CONTEST

An Essay Contest for 8th grade students
who attend school in the Southwest Rural Electric Service Region

Oklahoma Schools

Altus, Blair, Davidson, Frederick, Navajo, Snyder, Tipton

Texas Schools

Chillicothe, Crowell, Electra, Harrold, Northside, Vernon



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A Special Invitation

to 8th grade students in the following schools:

ALTUS, BLAIR, CHILLICOTHE, CROWELL, DAVIDSON, ELECTRA, FREDERICK, HARROLD,
NORTHSIDE, NAVAJO, SNYDER, TIPTON, AND VERNON

SWRE Youth Power Energy Camp Contest

If you are an 8th grade student who is attending one of the schools listed above, you are invited to enter the 2007-2008 Youth Power Energy Camp Contest!

First prize is a trip to the Youth Power Energy Camp at Red Rock Canyon, a spectacular camp near Hinton, Oklahoma.

There, you will have the opportunity to learn about energy, government and RECs. You will also have

many great opportunities to sharpen your leadership skills!

What's more, it's the chance of a lifetime to develop new friendships and learn teamwork with other students who are your age. All this, plus lots of fun!

You and your new-found friends from every corner of Oklahoma and parts of Texas will set up and run your own electric cooperative! And... that's just the beginning!

Swimming, games, a trip to Celebration Station, and all sorts of fun activities await you if your essay is selected by SWRE.

One student from Texas and one from Oklahoma will be chosen as SWRE winners.

Six finalists will receive \$50 cash prizes.

Plan to enter NOW!

Deadline for submitting your 350-500 word essay is February 16, 2010.

Contests can bring prizes and cash for 11th and 8th grade students

SWRE Contests Promote Student Growth

Southwest Rural Electric cares about young people and their development as good citizens.

That is why SWRE sponsors two

youth contests each year that are designed to nurture academic achievement, writing ability and creativity, while also promoting leadership and citizenship.

The SWRE Youth Tour Contest for 11th grade students rewards one Oklahoma student and one Texas student with trips to Washington, D.C.

The other contest, for 8th graders, is a Youth Energy Essay Contest which awards trips to the annual Youth Energy Camp at Western Oklahoma's spectacular Red Rock Canyon for one Texas youth and one Oklahoma Youth.

Finalists in both contests earn cash awards.

The member-owners of Southwest Rural Electric Association encourage young people to take part in one of the great youth programs. SWRE is an electric cooperative owned by and serving the people of Texoma since 1937. Its main office is located at 700 North Broadway, Tipton, Oklahoma. The office is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The SWRE phone number is 1-800-256-7973. Interested young people are encouraged to call SWRE for answers to any questions about either of the youth contests.

If you are an 8th or 11th grader who attends school in the SWRE service area, considering entering today!

It will be fun and your rewards may be great!

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P.O. Box 310 • 700 North Broadway
Tipton, OK 73570-0310
1-800-256-7973 or 580-667-5281

2009-2010 Youth Energy Camp Contest Rules

The Youth Energy Camp Contest is open to any eighth grade student who attends school within the SWRE service area. It is not a requirement for the student to be a child of an SWRE member.

Entry packets will be made available at each area school, or students may phone SWRE and a packet will be mailed to them. All essays submitted become the property of SWRE and will not be returned.

Students who are the child or grandchild of the following are NOT eligible to enter: *any current SWRE employee, any retired SWRE employee, any SWRE trustee, or any retired SWRE trustee.*

How to Enter

Carefully read this packet of information. Write an original essay of 350 to 500 words on the topic below. *NOTE: an essay is here defined as a short composition on a single subject which presents the writer's views on that subject in the form of a thesis and then offers support.*

Essay Format

The essay must be original and of 350 to 500 words. It must be typewritten on white 8 1/2" x 11" paper or neatly written in black or blue ink.

No name may appear on the body of the essay but must be included on a cover sheet (provided on the back page of this packet), along with other information indicated.

Essay Topic and Due Date

TOPIC: *"Green Power. What does the future hold?"*

Essay can be research-based or creative speculation about future methods and/or uses for clean, renewable sources of power. These can include but are not limited to wind, hydro, and solar power.

DUE DATE: Essays must be received in SWRE's Tipton office *no later than* **February 16, 2010**

Judging

An independent judge will select two winners – one from Texas schools and one from Oklahoma schools. Judging criteria are creativity, originality, accuracy, organization, style and content. The judge will also select finalists from Texas and Oklahoma.

Prizes Awarded

The winner from Oklahoma and the winner from Texas will each receive an all-expense paid trip to the SWRE Youth Energy Camp this summer (the camp is usually held the week after school dismisses for summer vacation). Finalists will receive cash prizes.

Southwest Rural Electric Association

700 North Broadway – P.O. Box 310
Tipton, Oklahoma 73570
1-800-256-7973 (toll free) / 580-667-5281 (local)



2009-2010 Youth Energy Camp Contest

Official Entry Form

Use this form as your essay's cover sheet.

Essay must be received by SWRE by end of business day on **Tuesday, February 16, 2010**

I hereby request to enter the SWRE Youth Energy Camp Contest. I am in the 8th grade and am attending school within the SWRE service area. I am not the child or grandchild of any SWRE employee, retired SWRE employee, SWRE trustee, or retired SWRE trustee.

Name _____

Address / City / Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Parents' Names _____

Teacher's Name _____

School _____

Date _____

Signature _____

**Use this form as an essay cover sheet.
Return form with essay to**

Southwest Rural Electric Association
Youth Tour Contest
P.O. Box 310 – 700 North Broadway
Tipton, Oklahoma 73570-0310

For Office Use Only:
Contestant Number _____