

2012

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 attends one of the schools listed above or if you live in SWRE's service territory, you are invited to enter the 2012 Youth Power Energy Camp Contest!

First prize is a trip to the Youth Power Energy Camp near Red Rock Canyon, a spectacular camp near Hinton, Oklahoma. Two students (one from Texas and one from Oklahoma) will be selected for the camp which will be held May 29-June 1, 2012.

At the camp 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.

Two students will be chosen as winners of the contest.

Eight finalists will receive cash prizes.

Plan to enter NOW!

Deadline for submitting your 350-500 word essay is February 29, 2012.

2012 Youth Energy Camp Contest Rules

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

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

Write an original essay of 350 to 500 words on the topic below.

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 printed 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: The first people who settled in the area that is now North Texas and Southwest Oklahoma lived without electricity. How were their lives different because of that? Explain.

DUE DATE: Essays must be received in SWRE's Tipton office no later than February 29, 2012.

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. 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)



2012 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 Wednesday, February 29, 2012

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 _____