

Tipton, Frederick Students attend Energy Camp in Hinton, OK

Written by the 2019 Energy Camp Board of Directors

Approximately 79 eighth-graders, from all across Oklahoma, attended the 2019 Energy Camp, sponsored by Oklahoma's Electric Cooperatives. The camp was held May 28-31.

The camp was inspiring and motivational. Campers learned about how cooperatives function and how to be leaders. They also learned how to keep their fire of leadership going and make new friends.

Some of the skills developed during Energy Camp included getting out of our comfort zone, gaining confidence and going the extra mile!

During the week, camper small groups each elected a representative for the Energy Camp Board of Directors. The Energy Camp Board of Directors then had the opportunity to interview candidates and hire the general manager of Energy Camp. This year, the Energy Camp Manager was Adrian Leal, representing CKenergy Electric Cooperative. She did a terrific job of leading the camp in her role.

On behalf of all the 2019 Energy Campers, we would like to THANK the electric cooperatives of Oklahoma for allowing students the opportunity to attend Energy Camp. We are grateful for the memories we made and the relationships we developed. Thank you!

All eighth-grade students who attend schools in SWRE's 11-county service region were invited to submit essays earlier this year. SWRE's camp representatives were Adrian Gaytan of Frederick, Oklahoma and Jalyn Ball of Tipton, Oklahoma.



Pictured: 2019 SWRE Camp Representatives: Jalyn Ball, Tipton student and Adrian Gaytan, Frederick student.

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Save the Dates for your Cooperative!

// It's hard to believe that it's already July and half the year has already slipped away from us. Knowing that time slips away so easily, I wanted to give you a few reminders about important upcoming dates. You may want to mark your calendar with these critically important dates regarding your local co-op.

First off, if you know of a community organization or non-profit that could benefit from a grant, now is the time to begin working on the 2019 Operation Round Up grant application. The deadline for this year's applications is Tuesday, September 3rd. Any qualifying organization within SWRE territory may apply. You can learn more at swre.com/roundup.

Speaking of Round Up, your charitable foundation will be hosting its first-ever clay shoot fundraiser on Saturday, September 28th, at Sandhill Shooters near Tipton, Oklahoma. You'll want to join us for a day of skeet, trap and 5-stand sporting clays, all for the cause of raising more funds for the communities and organizations around Texhoma. Be on the lookout for more information on this opportu-

nity for fun, food and fellowship.

Last but not least, our 82nd Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 29th at the Western Oklahoma State College Auditorium in Altus, OK. In addition to a chance to win multiple prizes, claim a free energy credit for attending and listen to some great local entertainment, this is also an excellent opportunity to exercise your right to a democratically controlled co-op. We do anticipate the presentation of a change in the cooperatives by-laws and will need a quorum to do so. Remember, *your vote counts!* More information on this change will be available in the August newsletter, which is our 2018 Annual Report.

We hope to see you at both the SWRE 2019 Annual Meeting and the Round Up fundraiser this fall.

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Ken Simmons
Manager/CEO

Energy Tip

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Want to light up your outdoor space without increasing your energy use? Try outdoor solar lights! They're easy to install and virtually maintenance free. Remember, solar lights work best when the solar cells receive the manufacturer's recommended hours of sunlight.

Source: energy.gov



Annual Meeting to be held in Altus this year



Ellen and Terry Brink pose a bucket truck at the 2018 SWRE Annual Meeting in Vernon, Texas.

Members of Southwest Rural Electric Association will meet in Altus on Thursday, August 29, for the organization's 82nd Annual Meeting.

The event will be held at the Western Oklahoma State College Auditorium, 2801 N. Main Street, Altus, Oklahoma.

Because SWRE is a cooperative, its customers are also its members. All SWRE members from throughout the co-op's service territory in Texas and Oklahoma are encouraged to attend.

Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude at 6:55 p.m.

Annual meeting gifts will be given to all members at registration. All SWRE members who register at this year's meeting will receive a \$25 credit on their SWRE utility bill (One credit per membership).

SWRE's charitable foundation, Operation Round Up, will be selling food for a small donation to the foundation. Meal will be available from 4-5:30 p.m.

The event will begin with movies shown inside the auditorium from 2pm and continue until the beginning of the live entertainment at 6 p.m. The Altus-based band, "Higher Ground" will be performing an hour long show.

The SWRE business session will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Immediately following the brief business meeting, a drawing will be held with more than 100 prizes to be given away, including a programmable thermostat, a GoPro kit, a drone and much more!

Members must be present at the drawing to claim the prizes.

The drawing prizes will include 46 energy certificates that can be applied toward SWRE utility bills. Top energy certificate will be in the amount of \$500. **Grand Prize will be a 2014 4WD half-ton Ford Supercab!!**

SAVE THE DATE! Operation Round Up Fundraiser



Saturday, September 28th

**Sandhill Shooters
17025 CR NS 214
Tipton OK**

**Signup begins at 8:00 am
Shooting starts at 9:00 am**

Featuring:

- 5-Stand
- Skeet
- Trap
- Archery



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Hot Dogs with Grilled Pickle Relish



Ingredients:

4 dill pickles, sliced lengthwise into 1/4-inch-thick slabs	1/2 cup distilled white vinegar
2 tablespoons canola oil	2 tablespoons sugar
1 cup finely chopped white onion	1 tablespoon yellow mustard seeds
Kosher salt	2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
	8 all-beef hot dogs
	8 hot dog buns, split and toasted

Directions:

Light a grill or preheat a grill pan. Grill the pickle slices over high heat, turning once, until lightly charred on both sides, 3 to 5 minutes. Transfer to a work surface to cool, then finely chop.

In a medium saucepan, heat the oil. Add the onion and a generous pinch of salt. Cook over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until softened, 5 minutes. Add the vinegar, sugar and mustard seeds and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the pickles; let cool completely. Fold in the parsley and season with salt.

Relight your grill or heat the grill pan. Grill the hot dogs over moderate heat, turning occasionally, until cooked through, about 5 minutes. Serve the hot dogs in the buns with the relish.

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For Sale: 30' long, open top, lifetime floor, decent shape, gooseneck stock trailer \$3000; 10x10x6 galvanized chain link kennel fence with gate \$200; standard aussie around 45 lbs. blue eyes fixed no papers visit vet regularly utd all vaccines/ rabies 4 or 5 yrs old good pet or farm dog \$free. 580.379.9842

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For Sale: Angus Bulls, Bred and yearling heifers, AI sires. McPhail Angus. Snyder, OK. Call 580-480-5131.

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