

CVEA Idaho Youth Rally Scholarship

An Opportunity of A Lifetime

Copper Valley Electric Association's Board of Directors is committed to enriching the educational experience of your local students and supporting future members of the Cooperative.

In addition to educational scholarships for graduating seniors, this year CVEA is excited to provide youth in our service area the opportunity to attend the 2008 Idaho Youth Rally. One high school student in each district will be awarded scholarships to attend a week-long summer camp at Albertson College in Caldwell, Idaho.

Youth Rally provides challenging opportunities for learning and making new friends. Opportunities which pay dividends to the Cooperative in the form of future leadership and to the students in the form of possible scholarships.

The Idaho Consumer-owned Utilities Association provides a one-week rural electric/leadership program to high school sophomores and juniors. It is six days filled with fun and learning about consumer-owned electric utilities, developing leadership skills and self-esteem, meeting area students and building lasting relationships with other students from Alaska, Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming.

It also includes social activities like swimming, dancing, bowling and roller-skating to name just a few. Through these activities attendees learn about teamwork, cooperation and communication. They learn how to be a leader and receive convincing warnings on the dangers of gangs, drugs, and alcohol abuse. They learn skills that will be applied throughout their life.

“The Rally is definitely a great opportunity!”



2005-2006 NRECA Youth Leadership Council Delegate talks with Gary Hopson about legislative issues at the Congressional Action Center

The Rally is also a great opportunity for our young people to learn the history of the Rural Electrification Program, how cooperatives were formed, what decisions need to be made by board members and how these decisions can impact the rates paid by consumers.

They will also learn about different electric utilities, the basics of electricity, electrical safety, future energy needs and the role our electric company plays in the community.

The Rally holds additional opportunities for participants as well. ICUA will award scholarships to outstanding rally participants.

Approximately 20 scholarships are awarded each year, ranging from \$200 to \$600 each. In addition, students are selected by a vote of their peers to return to Idaho as a student director for the following year. One student director is chosen for Alaska.

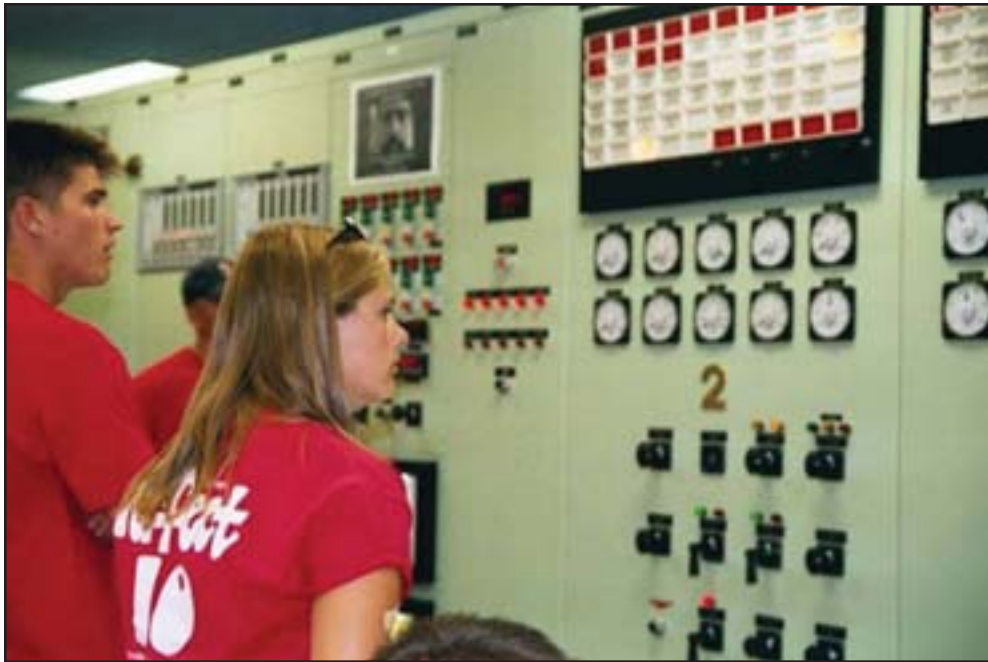
While at the Rally, students are interviewed and observed for participation and leadership qualities. One student is selected to represent the state of Alaska on the NRECA Youth Leadership Council. This student will first travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in the NRECA Youth Tour the following June. After that, the student will begin his or her term on the council.

Valdez student Alicia Kupczyk was selected at the 2004 Youth Rally to be the 2005-2006 NRECA Youth Leadership Council Delegate for Alaska. She was selected based on the leadership and enthusiasm she demonstrated at the Rally. According to Alicia, “The rally is definitely a great opportunity! You learn so much about electricity.”

This scholarship program is being offered to students of Copper Valley Electric's customers. Students that are in their sophomore or junior year of high school are eligible to apply. The 2008 Rally will be held July 7-12, 2008 at Albertson College in Caldwell, Idaho.

CVEA will pay all costs, including transportation, for the student selected in each district. A chaperon will accompany students and all travel arrangements and accommodations will be made by a Youth Rally Coordinator.

Students wishing to participate must submit an application.



Above Left, Past attendees took a field trip to Swan Falls Hydroelectric Facility for a tour before visiting a museum for historical hydro equipment.

Below Left, students participate in a team building exercise called the Rope Swing Obstacle. Each member of the team had to use the rope to swing to the other side without touching anything in between. If one fails, the entire team must start over.

Scholarship information and applications are available at the high school counselors' offices, at either CVEA office and on www.cvea.org under Community Support in the Scholarship section.

The deadline for submitting scholarship application packets is 5 p.m., Friday, February 15, 2008. For additional information regarding the Idaho Youth Rally Scholarship or any other CVEA program, please contact Sharon Crisp at 835-7005 or crisp@cvea.org.

Other 2008 CVEA scholarship opportunities include four \$500 general scholarships, two \$1,000 electrical scholarships, and two \$1,500 community college scholarships. All scholarship recipients will be decided in April and announced at CVEA's Annual Meeting.



Don't miss this opportunity!