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**Co-op Connections® Participating Businesses:**

- **The Fine Grind** (10% off purchase)
- **Country Corner Hair Shop** (10% off retail products)
- **Miller Soap Company LLC** (10% off purchase. Does not include shipping)
- **Same As It Once Was** (10% off purchase)
- **Herren Brothers** (10% off True Value items not currently on sale or marked at discount)
- **Lickety Stitch Quilts** (Free pattern with purchase)

You are invited to the 70th Annual Meeting of the Niobrara Electric Association.

- Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.
- Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m.
- Business Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

Guest speakers and representatives from Basin Electric, Tri-State G&T and WREA will be in attendance.

Enjoy a great meal and help us recognize our scholarship winners.

Business and financial reports review and discussion, along with door prize drawings and Capital Credit check delivery.

Gain insight on programs like the Co-op Connections® Program and the Grassroots movement.

We encourage you to come and enjoy the MEMBERSHIP'S annual opportunity to hear from industry experts on current events as well as future expectations.

Speak face to face with those that serve you. Bring your questions and comments—be heard.



## WIN A FREE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Three campers will be selected to serve as Nebraska's Ambassadors to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. To be eligible for this year's camp you must:

- currently be in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade
- be sponsored by a Nebraska Rural Electric Association member-system
- complete the application form on the back and return it to your local electric system.



### WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

Now that you know this isn't just another camp, you may be asking yourself, "should I go?"

- You should if you have:
- Leadership potential
  - An awesome personality
  - A strong academic record
  - An interest in meeting new people

If you are interested in applying for this all-expense paid trip, complete the application form and return it to your local electric system.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Niobrara Electric Assn. Presents



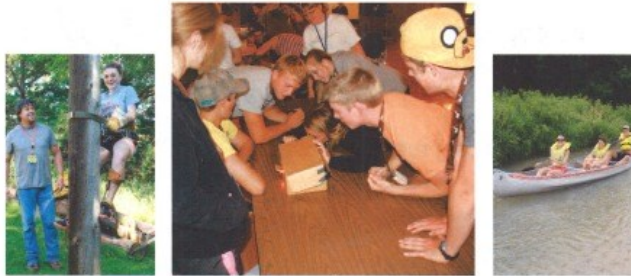
## NREA YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP

JULY 13 - 17, 2015

NEBRASKA STATE 4-H CAMP  
 HALSEY, NEB.

# HURRY UP AND GET YOUR YELC FORM INTO US!!

# A GREAT TIME AWAITS YOU AT ENERGY CAMP.



### NO, IT'S NOT JUST ANOTHER CAMP

I bet right now you are thinking that this is the zillionth camp flyer you have received and that this camp is just like all the rest. It costs a bunch, you won't know anyone there, it's going to be awkward, and you won't get anything out of going except maybe a sunburn.

### THINK AGAIN!

It's free, you are going to make life-long friends, and learn about the electric industry through interesting workshops, fascinating demonstrations and presentations by regional experts addressing the many issues affecting the rural electric program. There's also canoeing, sports, a banquet and a dance. A tour to the Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant provide for a first-hand look at the process of generating electricity.

So don't delay...apply today!

**2015 YOUTH ENERGY CAMP APPLICATION FORM**

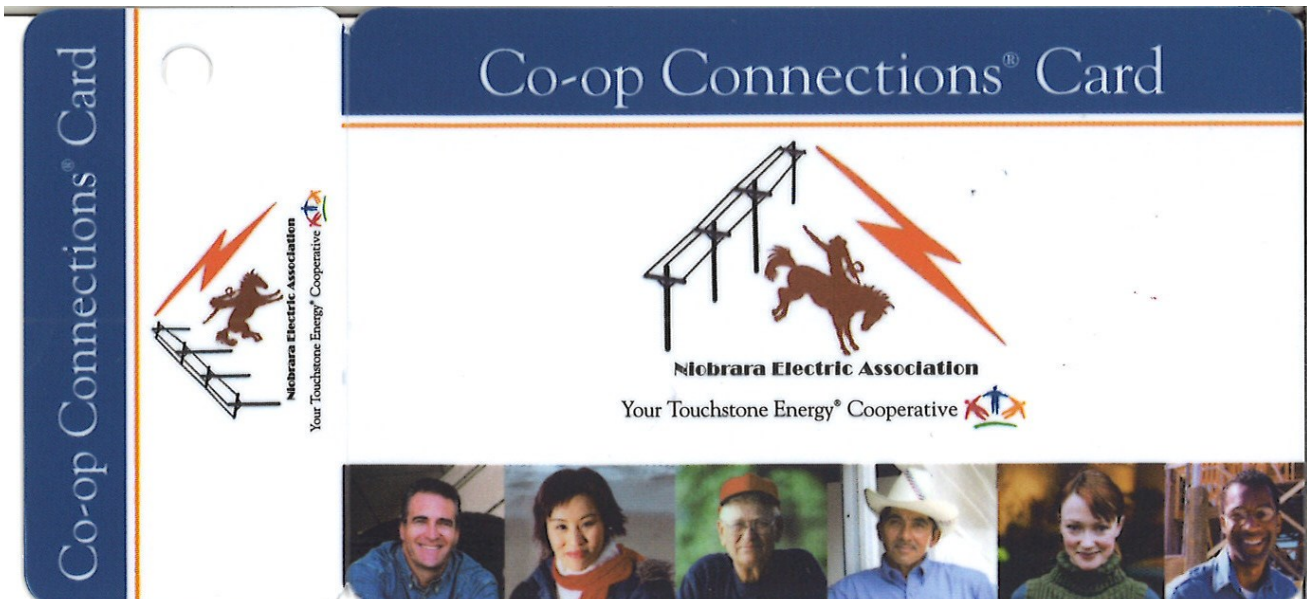
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parents or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring rural electric system \_\_\_\_\_



By now, you should have received your Co-op Connections® card and key fob in the mail. Along with your card and key fob, a letter explaining their purpose and use was enclosed. Locally, there are several business participating and we are eager to see more added over the course of the summer.

Other Coops have shared that in addition to local area shopping, online shopping through Cash Back Mall and Coupons.com are popular with their members.

We understand that there are a number of households in our service area that do not have the benefit of internet. Members are welcome to stop in the NEA office and we will show you [www.connections.coop](http://www.connections.coop). Friends and neighbors may also be avenues for accessing Co-op Connections® online.

Each month we will be listing local participant businesses in our newsletter insert, found in the WREN magazine we have mailed to your home. Businesses will also have window stickers advertising their participation.

If you have a business you would like to see in the program, encourage them to contact NEA for more information and we will gladly work with them.

Remember, Co-op Connections® program exists to provide our membership a benefit and it is FREE to use.

**[www.niobrara-electric.org](http://www.niobrara-electric.org)**  
**[www.facebook.com/NiobraraElectric](https://www.facebook.com/NiobraraElectric)**



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### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

7:30 am—5:00 pm

Fridays 7:30 am—  
4:00 pm

**Electricians Department**

**7:00 am—4:30 pm (M-F)**

**Outages** ....1-800-322-0544  
or 307-334-3221

Phones are answered 24 hours a day. Phones will be answered by Niobrara Electric Association during office hours and the Niobrara County Sheriff's office will take all other calls and dispatch NEA personnel.

This newsletter should be arriving at about the same time as your annual meeting notice. Please either hang on to that notice and plan to attend the meeting, or ask around to folks you know that might be coming to Lusk on the 21st and give them your proxy card. If you do the proxy card option, be sure to sign it with the name that the account is in for it to be a valid proxy. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

You can read about the Co-op Connection card in other parts of the newsletter, but I would like to encourage you to look on the web for businesses that take the card. Keep in mind that we will list the ones that are on or around our system that we recruit, but this is a nationwide discount program that coops like ours have similar businesses and one card gets you access to all. From the discounts offered by local businesses to a discount on lodging at the Kauai Inn in Hawaii, or the Caribou Hotel in Glennallen, Alaska and all sorts of places in between. I can vouch for a nice evening in Duluth, Minnesota with discounts on dinner at Grandma's Saloon and a trip into the harbor on one of the Vista Fleet sightseeing cruises. Keep the card in mind when you travel and look for the signs that indicate participating businesses. It might be good opportunity to try something new when you are traveling about.

Mark Twain once said "No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session." At this point, the legislature has been fairly quiet on our topics, but the Public Service Commission is looking at a comprehensive overhaul of the Rules and Regulations that guide us in what we do. So far the proposed changes haven't been major, but depending on where the commission goes, it could change some things around here. Thankfully, we are well represented through our association with the other coops in the state through the WREA. I will keep you up to date if there are changes coming.

Kenny Ceaglske

## Boardroom News

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### District

John Hester	1	Keeline, WY	President
Andy Barnette	2	Lusk, WY	
David Keener	3	Marsland, NE	Sec./Treas
Bill Wilson	3	Harrison, NE	
Jack Hammond	1	Lance Creek, WY	
Jim Dunn	3	Harrison, NE	
Kenny DeGering	2	Lusk, WY	
Andy Greer	1	Lance Creek, WY	
JD Wasserburger	2	Lusk, WY	Vice President

### March Board Meeting

- Director Hammond spoke regarding Tri-State business. Director Keener discussed NREA business and Director Greer shared WREA information.
- Attorney Skavdahl spoke on collection matters.
- Line Superintendent Rick Bridge shared information on rotten pole change out, general system condition and outages .
- Manager Ceaglske told the board about internal training. He also gave a West load update and discussed building improvements.