

CURRENT NEWS

What's Happening



JAN. 1

The next Operation Round Up application deadline.



JAN. 19

Youth Tour applications are due.



COMING SOON

Keep an eye out for high school scholarship opportunities which will be available soon.

Youth Tour applications are now open!
The deadline to apply is Jan. 19.

Cooperative happenings

Youth Tour applications are open

We are now accepting applications for the 2027 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. Applications are open to high school sophomores or juniors for the 2026-2027 school year. Visit our website for details and to apply. The application deadline is Jan. 19.

Heat meter season

Members, if your home has electric heat, please make sure your heat meter breaker is turned on inside your electric panel. If the breaker is off, you will not receive your electric heat kilowatt-hour discount. The heat rate runs Oct. 1 through April 30.

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COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

Cooperatives around the world operate according to the same set of core principles and values. These principles are a key reason that America's electric cooperatives operate differently from other electric utilities, putting the needs of their members first.

1



Open and Voluntary Membership: The services offered by the cooperative are available to all people willing to accept the responsibilities of membership.

2



Democratic Member Control: Each member vote carries the same weight, regardless of the amount of services delivered or consumed. This differs from a for-profit company, where the control and votes are based on the amount of stock an investor owns in the company.

3



Members' Economic Participation: Members contribute to and control the equity of the cooperative. A member's initial investment normally comes in the form of a small membership fee.

4



Autonomy and Independence: Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control as well as their unique identity.

5



Education, Training, and Information: Education and training for members, elected representatives and employees help them effectively contribute to the development of their cooperatives.

6



Cooperation Among Cooperatives: By working together through local, national, regional and international structures, cooperatives improve services, bolster local economies, and deal more effectively with social and community needs.

7



Concern for Community: Cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies supported by the membership.



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