

2023 Youth Leadership Events Scheduled

Youth Leadership Congress

July 11–13, 2023 • UW–Stout • Menomonie, Wis. weca.coop/youth-leadership-congress

A key component of WECA's educational programming for young people, the three-day Youth Leadership Congress (YLC) has been held each summer since 1963. YLC offers a head start in understanding cooperative business principles for the upcoming generation of co-op leaders.

The 2022 YLC attracted more than 60 students sponsored by 17 cooperatives. Activities focus on maximizing leadership potential, understanding cooperatives, and co-op governance the students organize and operate a functioning cooperative during the event—effective communication, and turning

Below are attendees at the 2022 Youth Leadership Congress.



mistakes into stepping stones for success.

Participating students elect a six-member WECA Youth Board who will help plan the following year's Leadership Congress; have the opportunity to attend the NRECA Youth Tour; and visit the WECA offices and State Capitol legislative offices. Another feature of the Youth Congress is the annual WECA Essay Contest. In 2022, more than 60 students, writing on co-op oriented subjects, competed for three scholarships of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250, redeemable at any accredited post-secondary educational institution in the U.S.

NRECA Youth Tour

June 15–21, 2023 • Washington, D.C. nrecayouthprograms.coop

Each year, WECA Member cooperatives sponsor young people for participation in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Tour in Washington,



D.C. In June 2022, 9 youth delegates representing 9 Wisconsin electric cooperatives joined roughly 2,000 additional youth delegates from across the nation for the annual event. Wisconsin's Federated Youth Foundation, a co-op sponsored, independent charitable organization, provides significant financial support for Youth Tour participation through the proceeds from investments financed by unclaimed co-op patronage credits.

Every electric co-op has the opportunity to sponsor students for this educational tour of national monuments and visits with elected officials at their Capitol offices.





APPROACHING DOWNED POWER LINES

If you see a downed power line after a bad storm or at an accident scene, NEVER get out to help or go near the downed line. Always assume a downed power line is energized and dangerous. This also applies to any electrical equipment, including pad-mounted transformers ("green boxes"), or other utility cabinets or fenced substations.

CONTACT WITH DOWNED POWER LINES

If you are involved in an accident or snarled with a downed power line or other utility equipment—whether in a car, tractor, or any other type of vehicle or equipment—do not get out. If you exit the vehicle and walk away, you could be electrocuted. Instead, call 9-1-1 and wait for the utility to arrive to cut the power.

EMERGENCY (FIRE) SITUATION

If you must leave a vehicle due to smoke or fire, make a solid jump out with your feet together and without touching the car or truck, and then hop (making sure both feet land at the same time), DO NOT WALK, at least 30 feet to safety. If you hop, you are less likely to enter two different voltages of electricity at the same time, which causes shock and electrocution.

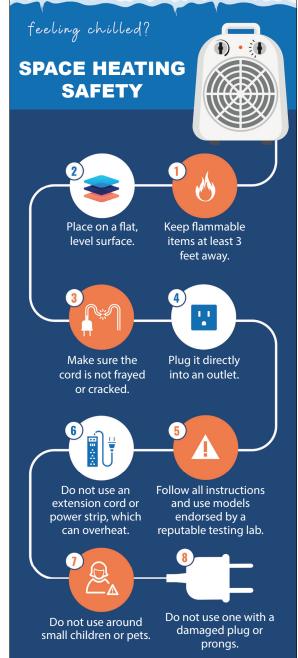




Marian Trescher, Rock Energy Board Secretary and District 2 Director, was presented with the 2022 Ally of Cooperative Electrification (ACE) Award at the 2022 WECA Annual Meeting, which was held Nov. 15-16 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Stevens Point, WI. Pictured at left is Marian at the annual meeting with the ACE Award plague that she received during the presentation.

Marian has been described by peers as a "lifelong public servant" whose commitment to community has had an exceptional impact on the electric cooperative world and beyond. When Marian received the ACE award at the WECA Annual Meeting in November, she did so with the Rock Energy board on-hand. Below is Marian (sitting/center) with the Rock Energy Board of Directors. Sitting (from left to right): Theresa Huber, Marian Trescher (board secretary), and Barb Miller. Standing (left to right): Shane Larson (Rock Energy CEO), Ronald Richards, Bill Fischer, Wendell Boyer, Clark Schoonover (board chairman), and Todd Thompson. Not pictured is Bill Dietsch (board vice chairman).





HOW MUCH SPACE ARE YOU HEATING?

If you are considering the purchase of a space heater, you'll want to make sure that the space heater you're using is the proper size for the room you wish to heat. In general, a 1,500 watt heater can heat a 171 sq. ft. area.

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