

Power Lines



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Basketball camp opportunities for local middle school students



Haywood EMC will sponsor two local students to attend the Kellie Harper Women's Basketball Camp and Roy Williams Basketball Camps this summer. To be eligible, applicants must be rising sixth, seventh or eighth grade students.

One female student will be selected to attend the Kellie Harper Women's basketball camp at NC State University, and one male student will be selected to attend the Roy Williams basketball camp at UNC-Chapel Hill. The Kellie Harper camp will be held on June 20-23, 2010. The Roy Williams camp will be held on June 19-23, 2010.

Applications must be turned in to

either of the Haywood EMC offices by March 31, 2010. Applicants will be judged on their academics, extra-curricular activities and accompanying essay.

Students can obtain applications from their principals or P.E. teachers, from the HEMC website, www.haywoodemc.com, or from our offices. For more information, call Ken Thomas or Brooklyn Hill at (828) 452-2281.

The Touchstone Energy Sports Camps provide a unique educational and athletic opportunity for outstanding students across our service territory and is yet another way that Haywood EMC demonstrates their commitment to their local communities.

Earth Day weekend rebate program on ENERGY STAR appliances

North Carolinians will be able to save on major appliance purchases while putting \$8.8 million in federal recovery funds to work stimulating the economy, cutting energy use and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The rebates will be offered over a four-day period during Earth Day weekend, Thursday April 22, through Sunday, April 25. Rebates will be 15 percent on ENERGY STAR-rated appliances. The rebates will be in addition to any store, manufacturer or other discounts being offered.

North Carolina residents who are replacing older clothes washers, dishwashers, refrigerators and freezers are

eligible for the rebates on designated Energy Star appliances. The program is only available to those replacing appliances. Those purchasing multiple appliances or appliances for commercial properties are not eligible.

By replacing older, conventional appliances with the 49,960 ENERGY STAR items estimated to be purchased in the program, enough electricity will be saved to power 536 homes for a year. Natural gas savings would serve 390 homes for a year. The energy savings can be significant. For example, a new ENERGY STAR-rated refrigerator uses half the electricity that the same size refrigerator built before 1995 uses.







The beauty of Mother Nature often comes with devastation for you and your electric cooperative



As in December 2009, Mother Nature hit Haywood EMC hard again this January and February with back-to-back snow and ice storms. Once again, cooperative members proved to be understanding and patient as their co-op's employees and others worked long, exhausting hours to restore electricity as quickly and safely as possible. While the pictures indicate the beauty that comes with such storms as these, they also reveal the devastation that caused widespread power outages.



Power outage precautions

Each year electricity-related incidents in the home cause approximately 300 electrocutions, 1,200 shock and burn injuries and 150,000 fires, as well as approximately 300 work-related deaths.

Just a little electric current can kill, much less than what it takes to burn a 40-watt light bulb. Therefore, never assume that a downed power line is de-energized. When a live wire touches the ground, electricity fans out in a pool through the earth. Voltage decreases as it travels from the center of this pool. If you walk or run away from the center of this pool, the voltage difference from one foot to the next can be significant enough to stop your heart. The following tips can keep you from becoming a victim of step and touch potential:

- ✓ If you are involved in a vehicle accident where poles and wires

come down, stay in your vehicle until the utility workers de-energize and ground the lines.

- ✓ Warn others to stay away from the vehicle.
- ✓ If you must get out because of a fire or other danger, jump out without touching the vehicle and ground at the same time.
- ✓ Shuffle away with your legs and feet together with very small steps to prevent voltage from flowing up one leg and down the other.
- ✓ Don't touch anyone or any other object until you are well away from the scene.
- ✓ If you cut a tree onto the power line, hit a pole with a farm tractor or vehicle, dig into an underground power line, or any other situation where a power line comes down,



follow these step and touch rules.

- ✓ Never attempt to cut or remove trees around or near a power line.
- ✓ Never attempt to move or touch a power line that's down across a vehicle, house, road, driveway or anywhere else.

Always call and report down power lines to Haywood EMC as soon as possible at (828) 452-2281 or 1-800-951-6088.

Haywood EMC makes owning a back-up power system easy

Haywood Electric Membership Corporation is a factory-authorized dealer authorized to install and service Guardian/Generac generators. We will even finance a turnkey installation with just a 25-percent down payment to qualified buyers.

Haywood EMC is able to offer more than just a 7KW through 40KW residential line. The co-op also offers up to a 150KW commercial line. We have a

variety of different options, from stationary to portable units, automatic or manual transfer switches, and an optional service maintenance program.

Don't be caught unprepared when the lights go off due to severe weather, wildlife or a vehicle hitting a power pole. Call today for more information or to schedule a FREE sizing and pricing appointment at 1-800-951-6088 or (828) 452-2281.



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