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# Students Attend Energy Camp

Four area eighth graders started their summer improving their leadership skills, making new friends, and having lots of fun. The students attended “Youth Power” Energy Camp May 28-31 at Canyon Camp just south of Hinton, Oklahoma.

Those students are Madlyn Baker of Sallisaw Middle School, Sydney Baker of Sallisaw Middle School, Caitlin Reed of Sallisaw Middle School, and Emily Speir of Central Public Schools.

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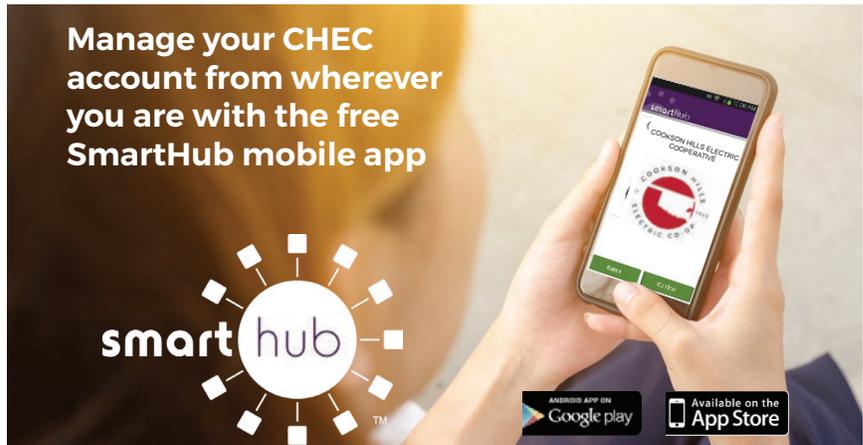
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CHEC, along with OAEC, sponsor eighth grade students for Energy Camp each year. Oklahoma's rural electric cooperatives have been sending kids to the camp for nearly 30 years. Energy Camp was founded on three principles: cooperation, teamwork, and development of leadership skills. Since inception in 1989, approximately 80 students from across Oklahoma experience the camp annually. Many have gone on to participate in the Youth Tour program in high school.

The students experienced first-hand the exciting world of rural America's most important industries - rural electrification. They learned about what life would be like without power, getting to know your community, and what is a cooperative. Students were separated into communities and elected a board of directors and a general manager, just like a real cooperative. Students watched high-voltage demonstrations, climbed poles, rode electric bikes, and rode in a bucket truck. Energy campers walk away from camp with knowledge, sharper leadership skills, and new-found friends from every corner of the state. [2130903]

For more information about "Youth Power" Energy Camp, visit our website at [www.cooksonhills.com](http://www.cooksonhills.com) or contact our office at 800-328-2368.



**News & Notes**

- CHEC offices will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day.
- Did you know that CHEC is on Facebook? By clicking on the "like" icon on our Facebook page, you will receive notice of large power outages, announcements of youth-related programs, and current and important information regarding CHEC and the surrounding community.
- Lewis Daniels is the winner from the update contact information drawing. Congratulations Lewis! And thank you to all who participated. You can still update your contact information by contacting our office at 800-328-2368.
- Upcoming district meetings: District #3 will be held on August 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Fire Department in Sallisaw. District #1 will be held on August 15 at 6:00 p.m. at Liberty Schools Cafeteria in Muldrow.



# Operation Round Up

Each month, members of CHEC join together to help meet the charitable needs of their neighbors by participating in the Operation Round Up (ORU) program. ORU is a community outreach program that is funded by CHEC members who round up their electric bills each month. The small change that results from “rounding up” monthly electric bills has made a big impact in the cooperative’s seven-county service area.

The CHEC Foundation Board met June 4. At the meeting, the board awarded grants to assist Stigler Public Schools “Partnering for the Park” to assist in repairs and maintenance of Roye Park, Sequoyah Historical Society to assist in the purchase of storage building to house documents, artifacts, and furniture, and OSU-Haskell County 4-H to assist with summer camp fees for students from Haskell County. The Foundation also approved a grant for KiBois Community Action Foundation Inc.- Haskell County Coalition to assist in the purchase in supplies for their Back to School Round Up and KiBois Community Action Foundation Inc. - Sallisaw to assist with the purchase supplies for their back to school events.

The CHEC Foundation Board meets every quarter to review applications. Individuals and community organizations throughout CHEC’s service area are eligible to apply for an ORU grant. The board will meet again September 3, with applications due by August 9. For more information about ORU or to obtain an application, visit [www.cooksonhills.com](http://www.cooksonhills.com) or contact Donna Rhodes at 918-775-2211.



## Energy Efficiency

### Tip of the Month

When it’s warm out, avoid using the oven. Try cooking on the stove, using the microwave or grilling outside instead.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)

The names listed are member accounts that have capital credit refund checks available to them. If your name appears on the list or if you are the surviving heir of a name listed, please contact CHEC about the capital credit refund check. Below is an alphabetical listing of names (Nei-Z). In the May issue, names (A-Gip) appeared and names (Gir-Nee) appeared in the June issue. If you have any questions about capital credits, please contact CHEC at 800-328-2368.

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