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NEWSLETTER

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative

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SPRING IS HERE! REMEMBER TO CALL DIGGERS HOTLINE BEFORE ANY SPRING DIGGING.

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative is a member of Diggers Hotline. If you need the underground electric lines located on your property please contact Diggers Hotline by dialing **811**. According to Wisconsin State Law, you must contact Diggers Hotline at least three working days before you dig. There are no charges from Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative to locate the lines.

Please remember that our responsibility ends at the meter. Chippewa Valley will **not** locate private lines (i.e. to wells, out-buildings or any wiring between a meter pedestal and a privately owned structure). If the cable you need located is your own, please contact your electrician. You will be notified by mail if CVEC does not have any underground lines to locate.

Please be ready to provide the following information to Diggers Hotline:

- The city, township, village, or unincorporated area you are planning to work in.
- The street address and road where your work site is located.
- The nearest intersecting road and the distance to that road.

- The kind of work you are doing, such as planting a tree or putting up a fence.
- Whether any explosives, boring equipment or equipment that reaches 14 feet into the air or higher will be used.
- The date you plan to start your work.
- The area you would like to have marked for underground facilities on the property. For example, a 20-foot radius of the tree in the back yard or a 10-foot perimeter of the staked area west of the garage.

This information needs to be provided whether you are calling Diggers Hotline or using the email-a-locate program. Call 811 or 1-800-242-8511 or go online to diggershotline.com

The simple call could very well be a time saver in the end. Every time someone digs without calling for a locate, the digger risks hitting an underground utility. This could cut the service to everyone in the area plus it takes more time and money to fix the ruptured line. Most importantly, your safety could be in grave danger if you hit a utility line.

Source: diggershotline.com



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EXPLORE YOUR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL AT THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

Attention High School Sophomores: The Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA) Division of Cooperative Network offers the opportunity to participate in the 48th Youth Leadership Congress (YLC) to high school students throughout the state. The conference, co-sponsored by Wisconsin's electric cooperatives and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, is scheduled for July 13-15, 2011, on the UW-River Falls campus.

Through a mix of workshop sessions, hands-on activities, and team-building experiences, participants will be exposed to a variety of real-life issues and will be given the opportunity to identify and explore their leadership potential. Top-notch professional speakers, teen peers, and exceptional cooperative employees will provide participants with information and tools to deal with the weighty issues high school students face every day.

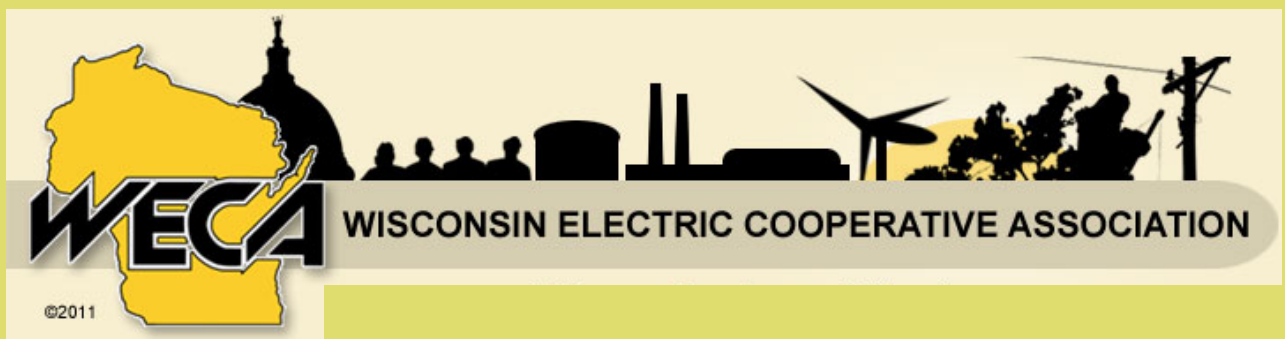
Dr. David Trechter, UW-River Falls will open the conference with an interactive session on "The Cooperative Difference." Also featured at this year's YLC will be nationally acclaimed speaker Craig Hillier. As a part of his dynamic presentation, Hillier will enlighten students about being leaders, stretching their creativity and discovering the value of cooperation.

Other sessions will focus on how and why co-ops operate and the benefits they provide members. Sessions on alternative energy, careers in electric cooperatives, talking with your legislator, and credit unions will also be held.

The YLC is a fun, educational and unique event that is planned by and for teens. Six students will be selected to serve on the WECA Youth Board. The Youth Board then plans and conducts next year's program. Youth Board members are eligible to attend the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Tour held in Washington, D.C. in June.

For 48 years, Wisconsin electric cooperatives and UW-River Falls have sponsored this event to demonstrate to high school students the basics of cooperatives and how they can apply the ideals and philosophies of cooperation directly to their lives.

Students are sponsored by the electric cooperative serving their area, which means there is no cost to the student. To qualify as a delegate you must be a student of sophomore standing in the 2010-2011 school year and live with a parent or guardian who is a member of CVEC. Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative is accepting applications from students who are interested in attending this exciting conference. **Please see your High School Guidance Counselor, go online to cvecoop.com or call CVEC at 715-239-6800 for more information.**



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