



## NEWSLETTER

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative

MAY 2022 – Electrical Safety Month

# REACHING TO SAFETY:

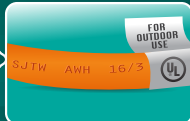
## Use Extension Cords Properly

Roughly **3,300 home fires** originate in extension cords each year, **killing 50 people and injuring 270 more**. Extension cords can overheat and cause fires when used improperly, so keep these important tips in mind to **protect your home and workplace**.

**DON'T** attempt to **plug extension cords into one another**.



Make sure extension cords are **properly rated** for their intended use, indoor or outdoor, and **meet or exceed the power needs** of the appliance or device being used.



Keep all **outdoor extension cords** clear of snow and standing water.



Do **NOT** overload extension cords.



A heavy reliance on **extension cords** is an indication that you have too few outlets to address your needs. Have **additional outlets installed** where you need them.



Inspect cords for **DAMAGE** before use. Check for **cracked or frayed sockets**, loose or bare wires, and loose connections.



Do **NOT** nail or staple **electrical cords** to walls or baseboards.



Do **NOT** run through **walls, doorways, ceilings or floors**. If cord is covered, heat cannot escape, which may result in a **FIRE HAZARD**.



**NEVER** use **three-prong plugs** with outlets that only have two slots. **Never cut off the ground pin to force a fit**, which could lead to electric shock.



Buy only cords that have been **approved** by an **independent testing laboratory**.



Do **NOT** substitute **extension cords** for permanent wiring.



**DO NOT** use an **extension cord** or a **power strip** with **heaters or fans**, which could cause cords to **overheat and result in a fire**.



# Youth Leadership Congress

UW-Stout | July 12-14, 2022



The annual **Youth Leadership Congress** is a dynamic three-day event for youth leaders across Wisconsin to develop their **leadership skills** while learning about the purpose, operation, and scope of **cooperative businesses**.

## Take the opportunity to...

- See **what makes the cooperative business model different and successful**, then apply this knowledge to fun and challenging cooperative activities.
- Identify and learn how to develop your own **leadership skills**.
- Discuss **cooperative careers** with industry professionals.
- Be **entertained and challenged** by highly acclaimed motivational speakers who understand teens and talk about topics that are relevant in your life.

This is a **by-teens, for-teens cooperative leadership conference** that is planned and developed by a youth board elected at the previous year's event.

## Who should apply?

- High school students with family members who belong to a participating electric cooperative.
- Students active in their school and community.

## What does it cost?

- All registration costs are covered by the generous support of Chippewa Valley Electric Co-op (CVEC)
- Students should contact CVEC cooperative to apply for a full sponsorship. Call 715.239.6800 or email [cvec@cve.coop](mailto:cvec@cve.coop)



## Questions?

If you would like more information regarding the program or registration, please contact:

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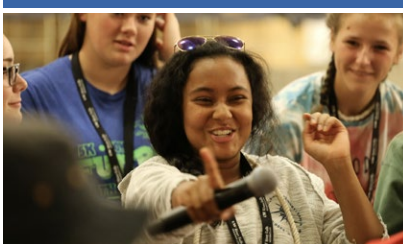
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- Or contact your local cooperative: CVEC email: [cvec@cve.coop](mailto:cvec@cve.coop) or call 715.239.6800

## SIGN UP TODAY!

**CVEC Application Deadline is May 15, 2022.**

### Students

- Contact your local participating electric co-op to request sponsorship and registration forms to attend the Youth Leadership Congress.
- Complete the forms and return them to your sponsoring co-op.



The Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA) was our nation's first statewide trade association for electric cooperatives and has served as the statewide trade association for Wisconsin's rural electric cooperatives since 1936. For more information, visit [www.weca.coop](http://www.weca.coop).