



POWERLINES

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Tri-State Employees Visit Fannin County Preschools

Tri-State EMC employees are visiting Fannin County preschools to talk to students about electricity.

Tri-State EMC is all about electricity—how to be safe around electricity, that is. It's never too early for children to begin learning how to stay safe around electricity, so Tri-State EMC offers a free electric safety program to preschools in the co-op's service area.

Students are provided coloring books featuring Louie the Lightning Bug, which illustrates all kinds of fun pictures to color that describe what runs on electricity inside a home. It also has information on how electricity is made and transmitted, and many of the different ways in which electricity is used. In addition, the coloring book stresses the importance of staying safe around electricity.

Tri-State employees review the coloring book with the preschool students, while also showing them many of the tools that groundmen and linemen use when working. Students get to try on linemen safety gloves and hard hats, and they get to see a bucket truck in action.



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Deadline Is March 28

Tri-State EMC Accepting Essays for 2022 EMC Creative Writing Competition Scholarship

Each year, Tri-State EMC takes three high school juniors to Washington, D.C., as part of the Georgia Electric Membership Cooperative Washington Youth Tour to learn about history, government and leadership. Health concerns prevented the 2021 trip, so the co-op presented a scholarship to the 2021 winner. Tri-State EMC will do the same in 2022.

The winner of the 2021 Tri-State EMC Creative Writing Competition Scholarship was Jared Wills. He was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to the college or trade school of his choice.

“Whether it be through the Youth Tour program or scholarships, supporting the future of these students and the communities they represent is an investment that will create a brighter future for us all,” says Stacy Chastain, General Manager of Tri-State EMC. “We are excited to see them grow their talents and knowledge. The entire team at Tri-State EMC is rooting for their success, and we are confident they will each find ways to impact our communities in the future.”

Students from across the co-op’s service area are eligible to enter the contest by writing an essay about “Building a Brighter Tennessee.” Tri-State EMC is accepting applications from area

high school juniors to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship. Three students will receive scholarships—one from each of the three local high schools: Fannin County, Copper Basin and Hiwassee Dam. Interested students should submit essays at their high schools. The deadline is March 28.

