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WIN A FREE TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Attention all high school juniors and eighth graders in the

Indian Electric service territory. You may be one of eight lucky winners of an all-expenses paid trip this year. Washington D.C. Youth Tour and Energy Camp are IEC's annual programs designed to promote leadership, knowledge of electric cooperatives and government.

All entries into the Youth Tour and Energy Camp competitions are due at noon, Feb. 8, 2011 at the IEC office in Cleveland attention to Clara Eulert, Youth Tour Coordinator.

YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

High School juniors attending school in the Indian Electric service territory are invited to write a 500-1000 word essay or create a 3-5 minute DVD video on the topic: "Electric Cooperatives – Charges To Power The Future". The entry must include an explanation of an electric cooperative's structure and business. A panel of judges will select four finalists to give presentations of their entries at the Youth Tour banquet in March. Two presenters will win the trip to Washington D.C. Youth Tour travel dates are June 10-16, 2011.

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trips are awarded to the two Youth Tour runners-up. CYLC is July 9-16, 2011 in Colorado.

ENERGY CAMP

Eighth grade students attending school in the Indian Electric service territory are invited to choose a writing partner from their class and compose a 100-300 word essay on the topic: "Waste Not, Want Not". The entry must include an explanation of an electric cooperative's structure and business. Two writing teams will be selected to attend Energy Camp May 31 – June 3, 2011 in Oklahoma.

The program's rules, entry form along with resource information, are available from participating schools English teachers or by visiting www.iecok.com Click on Community Service tab and then follow the tab to Youth Tour or Energy Camp. If you have any questions call Clara Eulert, at (918) 295-9558, 7:30-4:00 Monday through Friday. ♦

Be part of the nearly 1,500 high school students from across the nation for a fun-filled week in the Nation's capitol!



ENERGY MAKEOVER MAKES CENTS

By C.L. Harmon



Every month many IEC members write a check for that modern need we call electricity. But do we ever see that money in a proper perspective?

Would you walk into a bedroom, raise the window, turn on the air-conditioner and then throw a dollar out the window? Probably not in the physical sense, but in reality that is what many of us do.

A small crack here, a few inches of insulation there, even a incandescent bulb in a room where there could be a CFL are all examples of throwing money out the window. One local family recently learned just how much money could be saved by closing those windows that were blowing their money away.

"I was very thankful to Indian Electric for making these improvements in our home", Dustin Mills said. He and his family were the recipients of a very special home improvement project sponsored by AECI, which is IEC's wholesale power supplier.

AECI implemented the program responsible for the improvements so it could see how

much energy could be saved through improved thermal efficiencies within a mobile home with a high kilowatt usage.

Mills explained that in the past his air conditioning unit would never cycle off during the summertime. Since the improvements it does. In fact, his kids were even complaining about it being too cold in the house for the first time this past summer.

AECI asked several Rural Electric Cooperatives to participate in this program by submitting an account that had a high kWh usage, and then make sure certain improvements were made. The Mills house was one of many that were submitted to AECI and it made the final decision in selecting the residence to be used.

"By the end, the project would cost \$10,000", IEC Energy Services Representative Charlie Taylor said. As for the work that was actually done, IEC personnel sealed air leaks in the exterior walls and floors with caulking and foam insulation and a local contractor was selected to install all new windows and exterior doors. In ad-

dition, a new energy star rated dish washer, electric heat pump hybrid water heater, clothes washer and dryer were also installed. To insure maximum savings air leaks in the heating and cooling supply duct were repaired and new skirting was installed around the mobile home as well.

"I really do appreciate the new appliances too, especially the clothes washer and dryer", Mrs. Mills said. In addition to the interior repairs and new appliances, damaged soffits were repaired and insulation was added where needed. "From the beginning of this project until completion took several months", Taylor said.

"It has been a pleasure to work with the Mills family and to see them benefit from this program. By improving the energy efficiency of their home, they not only improved the comfort level of their home, but will also see a savings on their electric bill", Taylor said.

Also installed was a specific meter on the new heat pump water heater to monitor the kWh usage.

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So far the cost to operate this water heater is about \$21.00 per month. There are two adults and five kids living in the house.

According to Rick Holmes, AECI's Energy Efficiency Program Manager, the purpose of this program was to measure the energy saving potential of a mobile home

by improving the energy efficiency. This mobile home was selected over several others because of the opportunity seen to achieve that goal.

He also stated that he hoped this program would set an example that you can create energy savings to your home by giving it an energy make over. Even though this was a

very beneficial program, according to Holmes AECI will not be doing it again.

To see how you can make energy improvements to your home log on to www.togetherwesave.com or www.takecontrolandsave.coop. ♦

REBATE PROGRAM FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES

You never look forward to replacing appliances in your home. When the need arises to buy new appliances, IEC members are encouraged to choose Energy Star rated electric appliances. Energy Star appliances use less electricity and allows members to claim an IEC rebate on their purchase.

The rebate program is offered on Energy Star rated, energy-efficient electric water heaters, room air conditioners, clothes washers, dishwashers, ground and

air source heat pumps and air source heat pumps with electric backup heat. IEC and IEC's generation supplier Associated Electric Cooperative (AECI) have worked together to create a program for the purpose of reducing energy usage among its members. IEC and AECI is focused on delaying, for as long as possible, the construction of new power plants, which will increase the cost of electricity to our members.

Rebate forms are available from IEC. The completed rebate form and required information must

be submitted to IEC within 90 days of purchase/ installation of the appliance or heat pump. Rebate checks will be mailed directly to the member within 6-8 weeks. ♦

Electric Water Heater - \$50

Unit must have efficiency rating of .90 or higher and cannot replace gas. Submit the Energy Star proof of efficiency rating, brand and model number with your rebate form.

Room A/C Unit - \$50

Applies to the purchase of a new Energy Star unit.

Clothes Washer - \$100

Applies to purchase of a new Energy Star unit. The unit must be connected to an electric water heater.

Dishwasher - \$50

Applies to the purchase of a new Energy Star unit. The unit must be connected to an electric water heater.

Ground Source Heat Pump - \$750 per ton

Installation of Energy Star rated unit with at least an EER of 17.1 Residential 10 ton max. Commercial 50 ton max.

Air Source Heat Pump with Gas, Propane or Fuel Oil Backup Heat - \$150 per ton

Installation of a 15.5 SEER or higher Energy Star heat pump.

Air Source Heat Pump with Electric Backup Heat - \$150 per ton

Installation of a 16 SEER or higher Energy Star heat pump with electric backup in new construction or replacing electric resistance heat.

COOPERATIVE ADVANTAGE REBATE

There are many advantages to being a member of an electric cooperative. Membership includes a voting voice at the district and annual meetings, rebates and Capital Credits.

You may have noticed the “Cooperative Advantage Rebate” on your December or January IEC electric bill. Like most well-run businesses, IEC’s annual revenue generally exceeds its expenses. The cooperative advantage, unlike other businesses, means that members share in this excess revenue (profit). Electric cooperatives are owned by the members they serve and excess revenue is returned to its members based on the amount of power they purchased from the cooperative during the previous year. We call these returned margins “capital credits”. Capital credits are the cooperatives usual way of returning excess revenue to the membership.

However there are years when weather, system growth and management decisions all combine to cause excess revenue to be higher than budgeted for the year. This is when it is doubly good to be an IEC member. Not only did IEC pay Capital Credits in November, this year due to the above normal revenue, you also received the Cooperative Advantage Rebate for December.

IEC understands the struggle everyone is having with rising costs. The board of directors and employees of IEC are doing everything they can to help slow those rising costs here at IEC. The payment of Capital Credits and Cooperative Advantage Rebates are strong evidence that IEC is making business decisions for the good of both the membership and the cooperative. ♦

Recipe: Clara's Classic Deviled Eggs

- 6 hard-boiled eggs
- 1/8 teaspoon salt or to taste
- ¼ cup Miracle Whip® Salad Dressing or to taste
- Mustard to taste
- Bread and Butter Sweet Pickle juice from jar to taste

Boil Eggs 20 minutes start to finish. Set pan of eggs and hot water in sink and fill the hot pan of water with ice. Let set for a few minutes then peel the eggs under running water. The egg will not stick to the shell.

Halve the eggs and take out yolk. Mash yolk and add remaining ingredients.

Fill the eggs using a “Super Shooter” Electric Cookie, Canapé and Candy maker by Wear-Ever. The eggs will look as great as they taste. Voila’ you’re a gourmet.

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