

Penrod Attends Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp

Cole Penrod, Coffeyville, attended the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp July 12-18, 2008, in Steamboat Springs, CO. Twin Valley Electric sponsored Cole on this all-expense-paid opportunity.

At camp, Cole joined 29 other high school students from Kansas electric cooperatives. Students from, Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming cooperatives also attended the camp.

During their week-long stay in Colorado, the students created

their own candy cooperative, complete with a board of trustees and general manager selected by the students.

“I had a fun time at Steamboat,” Cole said. “I learned more leaving than I had going into it. I learned that I just need to speak out more.”

Among the camp activities were legislative presentations, a high-voltage display, and a competition to build a model transmission line from craft supplies. Students also toured Craig Power Plant and Trapper Mine.

“We are pleased to have a quality student like Cole represent Twin Valley at this camp,” said Ron Holsteen, Twin Valley Manager. “All of the students who applied were outstanding. We are proud to sponsor students at the leadership camp. It is a great



Cole Penrod, Coffeyville, poses in front of Fish Creek Falls in Steamboat Springs, CO.

experience for our youth.”

For more information about Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, call Twin Valley 886-784-5500.

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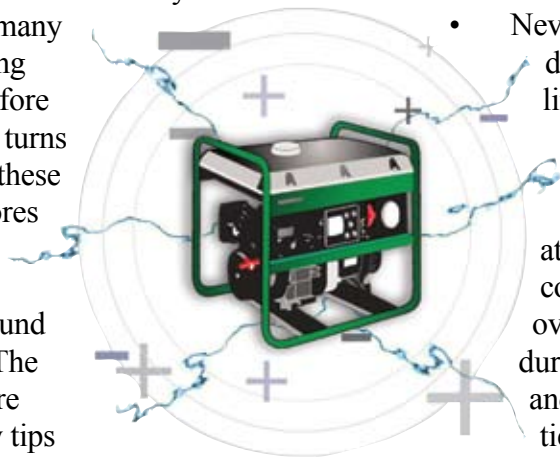
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The Kansas and Oklahoma campers build a human pyramid atop Mt. Werner in Steamboat Springs, CO.

Keep Outdoor Safety in Mind This Fall

Late summer and early fall often finds many of us working outdoors before the weather turns cooler. But these outdoor chores require caution, especially around electricity. The following are a few safety tips to follow when working outside.



General Electrical Safety

- Never touch a downed power line. Call your electric co-op to report it immediately. Avoid contact with overhead lines during cleanup and other activities. Assume all wires on the ground are electrically charged.

Extension Cords & Power Tools

- Check power tools and electrical cords to make sure they are in good repair, and only use power tools outside that are designed for outdoor use.
- Use three-wire extension cords with three-pronged plugs.
- Check the amperage rating of the extension cord to make sure it's large enough to meet the power demand of the tool.
- Do not plug one extension cord into another. Use the proper length for the job.
- Unplug extension cords when you are finished using them. Never leave an open extension cord plugged into an outlet.

- Be sure all electric and gas services are turned off before entering buildings for the first time.
- Allow all electrical appliances and electronic equipment, once submerged, to dry thoroughly. Have them checked by a qualified repair person before turning them on.
- Replace damaged extension and appliance cords, loose prongs, or plugs.

Generator Safety

- Fall is a great time to service your portable stand-by generator.
- Portable electric generators are often put into use for temporary power. Be sure to follow the directions for installation and operation.
- Use generators or other fuel-powered machines outside the home. Carbon monoxide fumes are odorless and can quickly poison you indoors.
- Never connect generators to another power source such as power lines. The reverse flow of electricity can electrocute an unsuspecting utility worker.

Electrical Safety During Storms

Late summer and early fall often bring tornadoes and floods to the midwest. As a result, take precautions with your home's electrical system.

Keep in mind that debris from storms can easily ignite if it comes into contact with downed power lines, especially when electrical wires are severed. Also, standing water and even appliances can become electrically charged.

Electric Cooperatives At Kansas State Fair



Cooperative employees present the High Line Safety Demonstration at the 2007 State Fair.

For the second year, the Kansas electric cooperatives and Touchstone Energy cooperatives of Kansas are co-sponsoring a high-voltage line safety demonstration.

The demonstration, half-hour in length, will incorporate a full-size electric safety demonstration. Journeymen linemen from the electric cooperatives across Kansas will demonstrate proper safety precautions and teach viewers what protective gear linemen use and why, what happens to a person when they come into contact with an energized line, and why birds can land safely on power lines.

The demonstration will operate between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on September 10-14 and is free of charge for all fair attendees. The demonstration will be located in the Beef Judging building, east of the Oz Gallery. This is the same building as the sand sculpture.

We hope to see you there!