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THE POWER OF CO-OP MEMBERSHIP

Ask yourself this—what does it mean to be a member of Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc., a Touchstone Energy electric cooperative?

As a member of CEC, you have the power - a voice and control in how your electric co-op is run; in what's best for the community; in the decisions that allow us to provide affordable electricity for your home. This October, we're celebrating National Co-op Month, and we're recognizing the most important part of our co-op – you, our members.

Membership represents a vested interest - everyone is more engaged and attentive to something they feel a responsibility for. Touchstone Energy co-ops work to engage their members in *all* the issues surrounding the co-op. When members are engaged and informed they become advocates for their co-ops, not just consumers.

In today's world, electric co-ops are doing more than just saving money for their members. Touchstone Energy Cooperatives make being a member of an electric cooperative a truly unique experience. Ask us about what rebates we have to save you money.

Members are the reason cooperatives exist. When members embrace the idea that they have more than a passing interest

in their co-op, and that they actually are the owners, with an ability to help guide it – that is the power of co-op membership.

The power of co-op membership is the cooperative difference, and our business 'bottom line' is empowering you, our member-owners. Columbus Electric Cooperative actively engages with the communities we serve to help make that happen. The best part about being a member of a Touchstone Energy cooperative: It's *your* Touchstone Energy cooperative. Power to the people, for the people, from the people.



CO-OP MONTH WORD SEARCH

Did you know October is National Co-op Month? Co-ops are different types of businesses because they are not-for-profit and are owned by the members they serve — including you!

Use the word bank to find the words associated with co-ops in the puzzle below.



F P W U V P C G C V E T S O Q
 Q M R A E S O F S V S I R S O
 N N D I G R Y Y I D E F E M D
 Y P O D N C F T Y D R O B F E
 C T R I I C A U U Y U R M H M
 F B I R T R I C N I M P E J O
 S X L N E A A P M I K R M E C
 W X A P U T P Q L T Q O X Y R
 G G O T I M P I A E B F L K A
 Y O G O F J M N C M S T V T C
 C B N V A T N O Q I M O Z E Y
 H T N O M P O O C Z T N S P W
 C O O P E R A T I O N R J F K
 N G G K N L J J V D P X A A U
 O O P R D I W D D L P X G P E

Word Bank

PRINCIPLES
 COOP MONTH
 PARTICIPATION
 MEMBERS
 DEMOCRACY

COOPERATION
 NOT-FOR-PROFIT
 COOPERATIVE
 EDUCATION
 COMMUNITY



Youth Tour Sponsored by CEC

An all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., in June will be awarded to two high school students. One student from our east side service area and one from the west side service area will be selected.

Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible:

Be in the 11th or 12th grade when applying.

Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Be an immediate family member of an active CEC member.

Be able to participate in the tour to Washington, D.C. June 8-15, 2018.

Submit the completed application and one original letter of recommendation provided by school personal (Teacher, Counselor or principle) to Columbus Electric Coop by 5 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2017.

If selected, the delegate will need to attend a personal interview with a parent/guardian at the Columbus Electric Coop office in Deming or Animas.

Applications are available at the Deming or Animas office and the Deming and Animas High Schools.

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