



Beyond the Wire

Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.



Win a Weeklong trip to Washington, D.C.,

The 2023 Government-in-Action Youth Tour is scheduled for June 12-18, 2023, in Washington, D.C. Central Valley Electric Cooperative is looking for two outstanding high school juniors or seniors to represent the co-op in our nation's capital.

Students will travel to Washington, and tour the sites, with other students and chaperons from New Mexico. While there, students meet with legislative leaders and tour sites that are part of the history and fabric of our nation. Stops include Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, the National Archives, Ford's Theater, and more.

To be eligible, students must be a high school junior or senior, and a dependent of an active CVE member. Students must also submit a completed Youth Tour application. Applications are available from local high school guidance counselors, online at www.cvecoop.org/youth-tour, or stop by our office.

If you know a high school junior or senior who would be a good representative of CVE and would be interested in the experience of a lifetime, let them know about this exciting opportunity. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. January 12, 2023.

Don't forget to submit your Youth Tour application by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12.



Our office will be closed Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26, to spend time with our families.

4 Ways Santa Saves Energy in His Workshop



The holiday season is finally upon us, and Santa and his elves have been especially busy as they gear up for their biggest night of the year.

It's no secret that Santa is known for running an efficient workshop — how else could he make all those toys in time for Christmas Eve? Rumor has it that one way Santa ensures an efficient workspace is through energy-saving measures.

Here are four ways Santa saves energy in his workshop.

1. Santa uses LED holiday light strands so he's able to save on his energy bill. LED holiday strands can last up to 40 seasons, which make them a great option for any festive home.
2. Santa requires several power tools to make a year's worth of new toys. That's why he insists on using cordless power tools with the ENERGY STAR® rating. According to energystar.gov, if all power tools in the U.S. used ENERGY STAR®-rated battery chargers, 2 billion kilo-watt hours of electricity could be saved —that's equivalent to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 1.7 million tons!
3. Mrs. Claus loves to keep warm by the fire in the evenings. While a fireplace can keep a small area of your home cozy and warm, it can also pull heated air from the room through the chimney. That's why Santa always closes the fireplace flue when a fire isn't burning.
4. Santa also saves energy by using power strips. Power strips are ideal for workshops, craft nooks, game rooms and other spaces in your home. With one simple switch, you can conveniently control several devices and electronics that are plugged into the power strip.

This holiday season, let's take a page from Santa's book and remember to save energy when possible. With these four tips, you'll be well on your way to savings (and hopefully, Santa's "nice" list!).

Welcome New Employees



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