

Ozark Electric Cooperative

2026 Community Programs & Services Guide



ABOUT OZARK ELECTRIC

Ozark Electric Cooperative was incorporated in 1937 and has been providing safe, affordable, and reliable electricity to rural areas for over 88 years. We serve 28,000 members across nine counties in Southwest Missouri including Barry, Christian, Dade, Greene, Jasper, Lawrence, Newton, Polk, and Stone. We are member-owned, and the cooperative business model includes 7 Cooperative Principles. Cooperative Principle #6 - Concern for Community, encourages us to be community-minded and contribute to the success of our rural service areas. Our Member Services team has many outreach opportunities and services available for our local schools, organizations, and communities.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES AT A GLANCE



Power On Electrical Safety Presentations

Interactive and engaging presentations designed for all age groups.



Missouri Youth Tour

All-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. for High School Juniors.



CYCLE Conference

All-expenses paid trip to Jefferson City for High School Sophomores.



Scholarship Program

\$500 scholarships available for graduating seniors attending college or trade school.



FFA Drill Awards

New drills awarded to FFA students in our local schools.



Energy in Today's Classroom

Hands on learning and professional development for local teachers.



Other Engagement Opportunities

Career Days, Science Fairs, Safety Days... we'll be there!

Visit ozarkelectric.com for more information, or contact Jennafer Mayfield, Communications Specialist, at jmayfield@ozarkelectric.com or (417) 724-5504.

POWER ON —

Electrical Safety Presentations



Each year our Member Services personnel visit area schools to present **FREE** fun and engaging "Power On" Electrical Safety Presentations to students and other groups. Our presentations can be adapted for any age group – Pre-K to High School. We encourage teachers, bus drivers, and all staff to view the presentation. Hundreds of electrocutions each year could be prevented by taking a few safety precautions. We encourage all schools, community organizations, local libraries, etc. to take advantage of this FREE presentation.



Presentations Designed For:

Pre-K to High School Classrooms

Bus Drivers & First Responders

Boy Scout & Girl Scout Troops

Library Programs

& So Much More!



YOUTH TOUR— VISIT OUR NATION'S CAPITOL



June 14-20, 2026

For over 50 years, Ozark Electric Cooperative has sponsored an essay contest to select two area **High School Juniors** to represent the Cooperative on the National Rural Electric Youth Tour - an exciting week-long, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington D.C. in June! Two Ozark Electric delegates will be selected to travel with approximately 100+ students from across Missouri for a week of sightseeing, learning, and fun! While in D.C., Missouri delegates attend a Youth Rally and other activities with nearly 2,000 young delegates from across the country. Visit the U.S. Capitol, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian Museum, and more! Application deadline is Friday, March 6.



2,000 Delegates from across the US

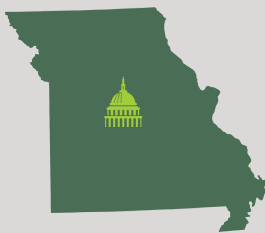
100 Delegates from Missouri

5 Amazing Days in Washington DC

\$0 What It Costs You to Attend!

*"You'll have the
time of your life!"*





CYCLE

CONFERENCE & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE



July 14-17, 2026

CYCLE (Cooperative Youth Conference & Leadership Experience) is an action-packed four days that provides two area **High School Sophomores** the opportunity to learn first-hand what it's like to be involved in the legislative process, the cooperative business model, and how to be a leader. At this conference you and more than 100 students from across Missouri will learn in a FUN, FAST, and FRIENDLY atmosphere! Visit the Missouri State Capitol, tour the Missouri State Penitentiary, debate a bill on the House floor, hear from nationally known speakers, and more! Application deadline is Friday, March 6.

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APPLY NOW



For more information on Youth Tour, CYCLE, or to apply online, visit www.ozarkelectric.com/youth-tour.

SCHOLARSHIPS



FOR GRADUATING SENIORS ATTENDING COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL



Ozark Electric awards up to 20 students with a \$500.00 scholarship each year! Scholarships are available to any current graduating senior attending a public or private high school or being homeschooled within Ozark Electric Cooperative's nine-county service area boundary: Barry, Christian, Dade, Greene, Jasper, Lawrence, Newton, Polk, or Stone counties. **Student's parent or legal guardian must be an Ozark Electric member to be eligible.** Applications must be submitted to applicant's Counselor or Homeschool Instructor by March 20, 2026. Counselor or Homeschool Instructor should complete the final portion and submit to Ozark Electric by March 27, 2026. Visit ozarkelectric.com/scholarship-program to download the application!

FFA DRILL AWARDS

AWARDED TO OUTSTANDING FFA STUDENTS IN OUR SERVICE AREA



Ozark Electric proudly supports all area Future Farmers of America chapter members. Our Cooperative roots run deep in Agriculture, so we know firsthand the values FFA teaches - hard work, persistence, and doing the right thing for the common good.

Ozark Electric Cooperative will present an electric drill award to FFA/Ag Education instructors at 24 high schools across our service area to be presented to an outstanding FFA student.





ENERGY IN TODAY'S CLASSROOM

HANDS-ON LEARNING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

July 30-31, 2025

Energy in Today's Classroom, presented by Central Electric Power Cooperative in Jefferson City, provides a unique hands-on experience for Missouri's middle school and high school teachers. The two-day workshop is designed to fully support Missouri's statewide education standards and provides teachers with a background in energy and energy production. Teachers attending the course receive 15 hours of classroom training. Upon successful completion, those hours can be converted into 15 Professional Development hours. Teachers also receive an Amazon scholarship to use for approved classroom supplies. Educators focusing on math, science, agricultural science, energy, and building trades are ideal candidates. **Space is limited for this program!**



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LET OZARK ELECTRIC COME TO YOU!



At Ozark Electric, we're committed to engaging in our local communities and providing opportunities to individuals of all ages within our service area. Hosting a Career Day, Science Fair, or Teacher Orientation? We would love to be there!



Career Days

Teacher Events

Science Fairs

Safety Fairs

Volunteer Ops

& More!

STAY IN THE LOOP!

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM FOR THE LATEST UPDATES!



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