



# Youth Leadership Congress



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The annual **WECA Youth Leadership Congress** is a dynamic three-day event for youth leaders across Wisconsin to develop their **leadership skills** while learning about the purpose, operation, and scope of **cooperative businesses**.

## Take the opportunity to...

- See **what makes the cooperative business model different and successful**, and then apply this knowledge to fun and challenging cooperative activities.
- Identify and learn how to develop your own **leadership skills**.
- Discuss **cooperative careers** with professionals in the industry.
- Be **entertained and challenged** by highly acclaimed motivational speakers who understand teens and address topics that are important and relevant in your life.

This is a **by-teens, for-teens conference** that is planned and developed by a youth board elected at the previous year's event.

**Deadline to apply is Friday, May 26.**

## Who should apply?

- High school students with family members who belong to Bayfield Electric Cooperative.
- Students active in their school and community.

## What does it cost?

- All registration costs are covered by the generous support of electric cooperatives and the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.
- For more information and registration materials, please contact Marissa Halvorson at Bayfield Electric Cooperative 715-372-4287 or [marissa.halvorson@bayfeldelectric.com](mailto:marissa.halvorson@bayfeldelectric.com).



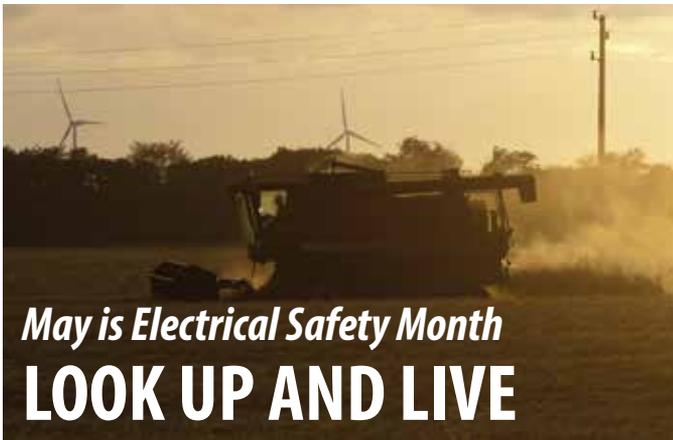


# BEC SOLAR GARDEN DRAWS STATEWIDE ATTENTION

Call now to get involved in this exciting, local renewable energy initiative!

Bayfield Electric Cooperative's solar garden was featured in the spring edition of the *Customers First* Coalition newsletter. The solar project got started because of the efforts of dedicated cooperative members. It was originally established that a 250-kilowatt array would be needed. With subscriptions pouring in, it was necessary to increase the solar garden to the 300-kilowatt size. This project was member driven and it would not have happened without the members' strong support and commitment.

Do you want the benefits of solar ownership without the research, construction, and maintenance of a stand-alone system? Contact Kim at 715-372-4287 for more information or to purchase a solar share. Act fast, we are down to our last 60 shares!



Look up and live. It sounds simple, but you'd be surprised how many workers fail to do so. Staying a safe distance from overhead power lines can save lives, prevent injury, and avoid costly damage.

When operating vehicle-mounted cranes and other heavy machinery, look out for overhead power lines to make sure your equipment will not enter the safety exclusion zone (no-go zone), which is a 10-foot minimum distance around power lines, above, below, and to the side.

It is important to stay clear of the power lines because you or your vehicle and equipment don't even need to touch the conductor to cause electrocution or to place others at risk. Many power lines carry high enough voltages that can cause the electricity to arc, or jump, through the air.

Dump trucks, vehicle loading cranes, concrete booms,

excavating equipment, garbage trucks, farm equipment, and elevating platforms have all been involved in electrical incidents because they came within the no-go zone.

Always assess the situation and locate your vehicle so that it does not enter the no-go zone.

While operating farming and other heavy equipment are activities that clearly require caution, even the seemingly simple outdoor activities can be dangerous when there's electricity involved. Here are a few more tips from Safe Electricity to help keep you and your loved ones safe as you tackle your outdoor chores this spring:

- Check the condition of cords of all outdoor power tools and equipment before each use. Look for fraying or cracking along the entire length of the cord and for damage to the plug or sockets. Replace any damaged extension cords or tools.
- Be sure to only use extension cords rated for outdoor use, and remember to unplug them when not in use. Extension cords are designed for temporary use only.
- If it is raining or the ground is wet, do not use electric power or yard tools. Always store power tools and extension cords in dry areas. Replace any that get damaged by water.
- To help prevent electric shock, make sure outdoor outlets are equipped with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).
- If you are planting a tree in your yard, select a location that will not interfere with utility lines. Tree branches can interfere with overhead power lines, and roots can do the same with underground utilities.

*The town of Keystone road commissioner called. He wanted to share how impressed he was with how well Bayfield Electric handled the wind storm damage.*

*Nora Karshbaum wanted to say thank you to the linemen and she prayed for their safety. She appreciates all that they do!*

*Ina Shultz wrote, "To the men who worked long hours in the dangerous wind and darkness to bring back power in the homes... Your work is much appreciated."*

## We love hearing from our members!

We received some notes of gratitude from some of our members following the March 7–8 wind storms. Thanks for taking the time to let us know what you're thinking! Messages like these make our day!



This cake was made and presented to our line crew from members Dorothy and John Budiash, who appreciated how promptly our linemen got their power back on when a line came down on their road recently.



Bayfield  
Electric  
Cooperative  
will be closed  
Monday,  
May 29, for  
Memorial Day.



Remember Mom on May 14!

## Month of May

Billing date: May 10, 2017  
April usage  
Bills due upon receipt  
Gross due after May 30, 2017  
Disconnect date: June 14, 2017



Mark your calendars for Bayfield Electric  
Cooperative's annual meeting

**June 19, 2017**

The annual meeting of Bayfield Electric Cooperative will be held at the Iron River Community Center, Iron River, on June 19, 2017. Registration will begin at 6 p.m., with the business meeting starting at 7 p.m.

Reports on cooperative operations will be presented, and directors will be elected to represent three districts.

All members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting and participate in the operations of their cooperative's business.

## CONGRATULATIONS, SARA LINTON

Sara Linton (account no. 1709877000) is this month's winner of a \$50 credit. Please clip the coupon below and send it in with your payment or call the office by the payment due date. The \$50 will then be credited to your account.

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