

# Wake ElectriConnection

For members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation



"The power to make a difference"

MARCH 2014

## Join us for Wake Electric's Annual Meeting on March 28

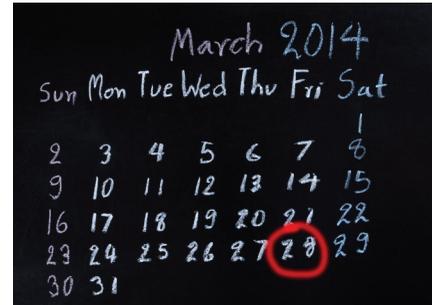
**D**uring this meeting, members will have the opportunity to hear reports on the current plans and progress of Wake Electric. The annual meeting is also a great opportunity for members to ask senior management questions about their co-op.

Members in attendance will be entered into a drawing for \$5,000 in cash prizes. The grand prize will be \$1,000. There are also two second-place prizes of \$500 each, four third-place prizes of \$250 each and 20

fourth-place prizes of \$100 each. There will also be special activities for school-aged children during the meeting.

Just cut out and bring the Official Registration Card located on the cover wrap of this month's Carolina Country magazine to the meeting to be entered in the prize drawings.

For more information on Wake Electric's annual meeting, please visit [www.wemc.com/annualmeeting.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/annualmeeting.aspx). We hope to see you there!



**WHEN:** Friday, March 28, 2014

**TIME:** Registration—5:30 p.m.  
Business Meeting—7 p.m.

### LOCATION

Louisburg College Auditorium,  
501 Main Street, Louisburg, N.C.



### ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Air is drawn into your home from low areas, so inspect your foundation for potential air-infiltration points. Fixing these leaks makes a bigger impact on your electric bill than sealing doors and windows! Caulk all cracks and gaps around your home including spaces around wires for telephone, electrical, cable, and gas lines, water spigots, and dryer vents. Find more ways to save at [www.TogetherWeSave.com](http://www.TogetherWeSave.com).

## Wake Electric Awards \$7,250 in Operation RoundUp Grant Monies to Local Nonprofits

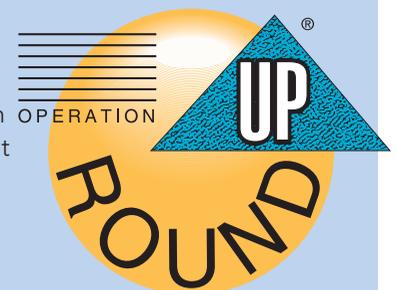
Wake Electric awarded \$7,250 in grant monies during the 4th quarter of 2013 to deserving nonprofit organizations located in counties served by the co-op. These grants were made available through the Operation RoundUp program.

Nonprofit agencies located in counties that Wake Electric serves, which includes Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties, are eligible to apply. The agency does not have to be a member of Wake Electric.

Grants are open to all project and subject areas that enhance economic infrastructure and job creation, promote service or charitable organizations, and meet emergency needs of individuals within the service area of Wake Electric.

The next deadline for Operation RoundUp grant applications is Friday, March 14, 2014, by 5 p.m. A simple and convenient downloadable application can be found at [www.wemc.com/oproundup.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/oproundup.aspx).

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 Wake Electric  
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Call to report outages: 919.863.6499 or 800.743.3155

Regular office hours: M–F, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

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## Be Ready Before a Storm Strikes

Lights out? Store these items at home in case of an outage.



### ☐ Water

Three-day supply, one gallon per person per day.

### ☐ Tools

Flashlight and extra batteries, can opener, wind-up radio.



### ☐ Food

Three-day supply of non-perishable, high-energy food.

### ☐ First Aid, Medicine

First aid supplies, hand sanitizer, and at least a week's supply of medications for the family.



### ☐ Documents

Include copies of passports, birth certificates, and insurance policies.

Learn more at [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov).



Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency

# Powering Up After a Storm

Lights out? Thirty-one percent of power outages are triggered by the weather. Lineworkers must battle the elements to find problem areas and restore service as quickly and safely as possible.

"We know our members want to know why the lights are out and when they're coming back," shares Jim Mangum, general manager and CEO of Wake Electric. "First, we must find the problems. Then we follow a series of steps to bring the lights back on."

Efforts are made to restore power to the largest number of members as quickly as possible. Then crews fix problems impacting smaller groups of members.

## RESTORING POWER

When an outage occurs, line crews work to pinpoint problems. They start with high-voltage transmission lines. Transmission towers and cables that supply power to thousands of consumers rarely fail. But when damage occurs, these facilities must be repaired before other parts of the system can operate.

Next, crews check distribution substations. Each substation serves

hundreds or thousands of members. When a major outage occurs, line crews inspect substations to discover if problems stem from transmission lines feeding into the substation, the substation itself, or if problems exist down the line.

If the problem cannot be isolated at a distribution substation, distribution lines are checked. These lines carry power to large groups of members in communities or housing developments.

If local outages persist, supply lines (also called tap lines) are inspected. These lines deliver power to transformers, either mounted on poles or placed on pads for underground service, outside businesses, schools, and homes.

If your home remains without power, the service line between a transformer and your home may need to be repaired. Always call 919-863-6499 or 1-800-743-3155 to report an outage. This helps crews isolate local issues.

An outage map is located on Wake Electric's website on [www.wemc.com/outageMapinformation.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/outageMapinformation.aspx). This map will show which areas were impacted by the storm.

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# Have an Electric Car?

CHECK OUT WAKE ELECTRIC'S TIME-OF-USE RATE OFFERED TO MEMBERS WITH AN EV

Wake Electric now offers a favorable electric rate for residential account holders with an electric vehicle (EV) to encourage charging of their EVs during designated off-peak hours.

The discounted rate is available on a voluntary basis to all territory served by Wake Electric, subject to established Service Rules and Regulations of the Cooperative. This special rate is available to owners of or to those leasing "plug-in" EVs (conventional gas/electric hybrid vehicles that use the engine to recharge the battery are excluded).

This schedule is applicable to and available for residential single-family dwelling use only, excluding prepaid and net metered accounts.

The intent is to provide an incentive for charging of a "plug-in" electric vehicle during off peak times.

To qualify, an applicant must:

- ★ Register the vehicle with Wake Electric by providing a copy of the electric vehicle "proof of purchase" or lease agreement
- ★ Provide the electric vehicle registration card corresponding to the associated electric address with the Cooperative
- ★ Provide proof that the vehicle

can be recharged from an external (plug-in) source of electricity

- ★ Agree to notify Wake Electric if ownership or lease of the electric vehicle changes during the calendar year
- ★ Register annually for the rate

The energy charges for this special EV rate are:

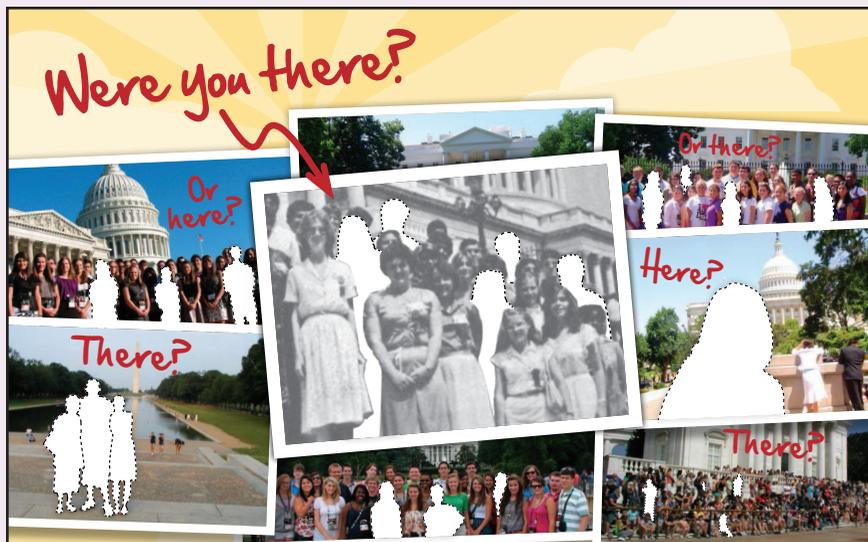
- ★ Monthly Facilities Charge—\$12 (as compared to \$10 for standard residential rate)
- ★ All kWhs from 6 a.m.–10 p.m. will have a rate of 11.48¢

per kWh (same as standard residential rate)

- ★ All kWhs from 10 p.m.–6 a.m., which is considered off peak, will have a rate of 9.48¢ per kWh (two cent discount from standard residential rate)

*Note: Members with an electric vehicle currently billed on a TOU rate have the option to remain on their existing TOU rate or switch to the new rate.*

If you have purchased or plan to purchase an electric vehicle, contact Wake Electric at (919) 863-6300 or (800) 474-6300.



## YOUTH TOUR ALUMNI We are looking for you!

Please let us know what you have been up to since your tour by going to:  
[www.NCElectricCooperatives.com/YTAlumni](http://www.NCElectricCooperatives.com/YTAlumni)

## Mark your calendars for the REUNION CELEBRATION

Saturday, August 9, 1 p.m.–5 p.m. at the Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, N.C.



### For more information:

Contact Jane Forehand at  
[jane.forehand@ncemcs.com](mailto:jane.forehand@ncemcs.com)

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# Scholarship Opportunities Available at Wake Electric

Wake Electric has a longstanding commitment to supporting students in the communities we serve by offering several different scholarship opportunities.

## TOUCHSTONE ENERGY SPORTS CAMPS 2014



Wake Electric is accepting applications from middle-school students for scholarships to summer

basketball camps on two of the state's largest college campuses.

Young men can apply to attend the Roy Williams Basketball Camp June 21–25 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and young ladies can apply to attend the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp June 23–26 at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. For more information or to download an application, please visit [www.wemc.com/basketball.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/basketball.aspx).

*The deadline to apply is Monday, March 31, 2014, by 5 p.m.*

## 2014 RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH TOUR



Wake Electric seeks applicants for the 2014 Rural Electric Youth Tour, which includes a \$1,000 scholarship for college, plus a free,

all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. The trip will be held June 14–20. Applicants must be current high school juniors living in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties. Students do not have to live in households served by Wake Electric to win. For more information on eligibility or to download an application, please visit [www.wemc.com/youthtours.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/youthtours.aspx).

*The deadline to submit applications to the Youth Tour program is Friday, March 14, 2014, by 5 p.m.*

## WAKE ELECTRIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Wake Electric is currently seeking students to apply for its prestigious scholarship program. Students can apply for the coveted Fred M. Alford Scholarship (\$2,000), as well as 16 Touchstone Energy Scholarships (\$1,250 each). All applications will be

under consideration for one of the two scholarship categories.

Students only need to submit one application to be considered for both scholarship categories. To find out the requirements for both scholarships and to download an application, please visit [www.wemc.com/scholarships.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/scholarships.aspx).

*The deadline to submit applications to the Wake Electric Scholarship Program is Friday, March 14, 2014, by 5 p.m.*

## QUESTIONS?

Please contact Wake Electric at [communications@wemc.com](mailto:communications@wemc.com) or (919) 863-6312.



## Wake Electric Awards \$7,250 in Operation RoundUp Grant Monies to Local Nonprofits, *continued from page 25*

Each quarter, the board of directors for the program's administrative body, the Wake Electric Foundation board, meets to determine who will be awarded funds.

The funds for the Operation RoundUp grants come from Wake Electric members who agree to round up their electric bill to the nearest whole dollar. For example, if the bill is \$104.91, the bill will be rounded up 9 cents to \$105.

### 4TH QUARTER 2013 OPERATION ROUNDUP GRANT WINNERS

Name of Nonprofit Organization	Amount Awarded	County Nonprofit is Located	Info about Grant
Wake County Smart Start	\$1,500	Wake	Books for children
Corinth Volunteer Fire Department	\$2,500	Granville	Funding for building materials
Shepard Youth Ranch	\$1,300	Franklin	Equine equipment
Special Olympics of North Carolina	\$1,950	Wake	Unified sports and event equipment