

Sun River Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



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406-467-2526 or 1-800-452-7516

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please use: 406-467-2526 or 406-467-2527

Be sure to check your breakers before reporting outages.

OCTOBER 2025

Win a free trip to D.C.!

In June of each year, kids from cooperatives all over the United States get together to learn about cooperatives and tour the nation's capital.

How do you win this amazing trip? This is an all-expense-paid trip. Sun River Electric Cooperative (SREC) will sponsor two students to be its representatives. If you are currently a sophomore or junior in high school and your parents or guardians are SREC members, all you need to do is write an essay!

What is the Essay Topic? All cooperatives share a concern for their communities. Write about how your local cooperative supports your community or detail new ways it could get involved.

When is the 2026 Youth Tour? June 13 to 20, 2026

When are Applications and Essays Due? Applications and essays must be submitted to the Sun River Electric office by Thursday, December 4, 2025.

How do I get more information? If you have any questions, please contact Leanne at SREC, 406-467-2526 or email leanne@sunriverelectric.coop. Packets will be emailed to the area school guidance counselors, as well as English and History teachers. The application and information are also available on the website:

www.sunriverelectric.coop 



Montana Youth Tour participants got to see a Nationals baseball game during last year's tour. Get your applications in for your chance to win a free trip to Washington, D.C. in 2026.

HIDDEN NUMBER

If you find your account number hidden in this issue, it is worth a \$50 credit on your next statement. There is one number hidden in every issue. Give us a call if you are the lucky consumer.

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LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE, SIGN UP NOW

THE state of Montana, through the Department of Public Health & Human Services, offers two programs aimed at helping low-income individuals reduce their heating costs. The programs run from October 1 through April 30 of each year.

LIHEAP

LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) helps with payment of the primary source of heat in the home. Both renters and homeowners may apply. Apply at the LIHEAP office for your county.

Weatherization Program

The WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM through LIHEAP helps participants improve the heating efficiency of their homes, thus reducing their energy consumption. Applications are ranked according to the degree of need and placed in "priority groups." Special priority is given to older adults and disabled individuals. Once approved, an energy auditor will set a time to visit with you about the most cost-effective weatherization measures for your home within the dollar limits allowed.

Energy Share

Another organization, ENERGY SHARE OF MONTANA, is aimed at helping Montanans faced with emergencies meet their energy needs and move toward self-reliance. It is to be used only after an applicant



has been considered for LIHEAP. There are no specific income limits; however, if a household has sufficient resources available to meet the needs, it will be ineligible for assistance. Energy Share is a grant program. Applicants must fill out an application available at: Opportunities Inc., 905 1st Ave. N, Great Falls, or receive one by mail by calling either 1-406-761-0310, or toll free 1-800-326-0955. Applications may also be available at your LIHEAP office, or through your energy provider.

For more information about saving energy in your home, visit <https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/energyassistance> and select "What Can I Do to Save Energy in My Home?" 

LIHEAP OFFICES:

Opportunities, Inc.

Serves: Cascade, Chouteau, Glacier, Toole, Pondera, and Teton Counties.
240655
905 1st Ave N, Great Falls, MT. 59403
1-406-761-0310 or 1-800-326-0955

Rocky Mountain Development Council

Serves: Broadwater, Jefferson and Lewis & Clark Counties
648 N Jackson, Helena, MT. 59624
1-406-447-1625 or 1-800-356-6544

Blackfeet Reservation

Tribal Energy Assistance
PO Box 850
Browning, MT. 59417
1-406-338-7977

REMINDER:

Bills not paid by the 10th of the month will be charged a \$10 late fee.



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October is National Cooperative Month!

THERE are Seven Cooperative Principles. These principles are a key reason why America's electric cooperatives operate differently from other electric utilities, putting the needs of our members first!

The seventh Principle is **Concern for Community**: Cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies supported by the membership.

The Sun River Electric Cooperative Board of Directors and Employees strive to be involved in their communities. Over the past year you may have seen SREC representatives at school events or community parades. If you have an event and need extra volun-

teers or would like our support with something — give us a call (Chris or Leanne at 406-467-2526) and we will see what we can do to help. 



CONNECT, LEARN, AND BE EMPOWERED

Introducing our new website

WE'RE excited to announce the launch of our brand-new website, designed with YOU, our valued member, in mind!

We heard your feedback and understand the need for a website that empowers you and simplifies your experience. This redesign is all about putting you at the center, making it easier to find the information and resources you need, connect with staff members and maximize your membership benefits.

So, what's new?

- **Find What You Need, Fast:** No more endless searching. We've implemented a powerful search engine that allows you to quickly find the information you're looking for, be it membership details, upcoming events or helpful articles.

- **A Wealth of Knowledge:** Dive into our enhanced resources. The site is brimming with curated articles, calculators and helpful videos to support you in achieving your energy goals.

- **Seamless on Any Device:** Our website is fully responsive, ensuring a smooth experience whether you're using a desktop, tablet or smartphone.

Explore Your New Member Hub Today!

Head over to www.sunriverelectric.coop and explore the all-new website. We're confident it will become your go-to resource for everything energy related.

Don't forget! We're here to support you. If you have any questions or need assistance navigating the new website, please don't hesitate to reach out to us, shellb@sunriverelectric.coop or leanne@sunriverelectric.coop. 

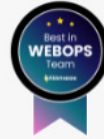


SIGN UP FOR FREE KIDS BOOKS

Preschool children, ages birth to 5, who live within the Sun River Electric Cooperative service territory, are eligible.

You can register online at <https://imaginationlibrary.com> or scan the QR code below.





We're Live!

Explore our Brand-New Website Today

