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Youth Energy Camp July 9-13, 2012 at Halsey, NE
(pictured above is Courtney Eickhoff a CKPPD camper from 2011)

Come join the excitement at the NREA

This summer, be a part of the NREA Youth Energy Camp. This camp is possibly the most worthwhile camp you will attend in your high school career. Through workshops and guest speakers, students learn about energy generation, electric safety and careers in the rural electric program.

But the camp is not all learning. The week is intermingled with fun activities, including sports tournaments, canoeing, dancing, a get-acquainted party, and some free time to socialize and make new friends.

Leadership is stressed when students compete to win a free trip to Washington D.C. as ambassadors and/or return the next year's camp as a junior counselor.

You are eligible if you are a current 9th, 10th or 11th grader in this school year, and your parents are residential customer of Cedar-Knox PPD. If chosen by CKPPD, your expenses and transportation are covered by us.

Camp begins on Monday July 9th and you return home Friday July 13th. CKPPD will provide you with transportation to and from the camp.

To enter, complete the RSVP form and mail to us by May 1, 2012. If you need more information, please contact us at CKPPD. Phone 402-254-6291 or 800-891-5196.

2012 Youth Energy Camp RSVP Form

Name _____ Age _____ Current grade _____

Address Phone number () _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Sponsoring system _____

Name of parents or guardian _____

Know What is Below

Spring is in the air and that means that digging in the ground is inevitable. The month of April is Safe Digging Month.

Cedar-Knox PPD would like to remind you of the importance of calling 811 before you dig. One Call is a free service that has been around in Nebraska for 15 years now. This system is designed to provide an easy no cost solution for the public to excavate safely. When you make the call to 811, they notify all utilities in the area that you are planning to dig. Each utility has 48 hours to locate their underground or respond all clear. Emergency situations are handled in less time.

Homeowners and professional contractors sometimes make risky decisions by not calling the One Call System, many times with adverse results. Digging without calling can disrupt service, harm you and those around you and potentially result in fines and expensive repair costs. Even a small job, like planting trees should prompt you to make that call.

REMEMBER, KNOW WHATS BELOW.

ALWAYS CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

METAL HALIDE, MERCURY VAPOR AND HIGH PRESSURE LIGHTS

Due to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and effective January 1, 2008, Mercury Vapor (MV) lights and ballasts are no longer being manufactured in the USA. In preparation, Cedar-Knox PPD had purchased Mercury Vapor lights and parts ahead. Now we have exhausted this supply and will be replacing these MV lights with Metal Halide lights when eventually the MV lights fail. Rural customers who have a MV light now, will continue to pay the same as they have been paying. But, if your MV light fails, we will replace parts or the whole light with a Metal Halide and your monthly charge will change only slightly.

A 150 watt MH uses around 60 kwhs per month and a comparable 250 watt Mercury Vapor uses about 100 kwhs per month, making Metal Halide more energy efficient and better for the environment. Metal Halide our initially more expensive for us to purchase than the Mercury Vapor light, but in the long term will reduce our carbon foot print, which is a good thing.

Town customers have High Pressure Sodium and we have no plans to change those out to Metal Halide currently.

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