

St. Croix Electric Cooperative's 75th Anniversary essay contest



St. Croix Electric celebrates its 75th anniversary this year! One of the special events we have planned for the year is an essay contest for young people between the ages of 8 and 18. The entrants will need to interview a family member, friend or neighbor who was alive when electricity was first delivered to their home, probably in the late 1930s or 1940s. The young person will then write an essay about that person's memories about getting electricity. Essays will be sent to the cooperative for judging. One winner will be selected for each age group and will receive \$75. All participants will receive a small participation gift.

To participate:

1. Print this form.
2. Conduct the interview.
3. Write the essay.
4. Fill out the form and mail it with the essay to:
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St. Croix Electric Cooperative
1925 Ridgeway Street
Hammond, WI 54015
5. Essays and forms must be received by March 31, 2011.
6. Participants may interview more than one person but must submit a separate essay for each interview.
7. The essays may be published at a later date.
8. Membership in the cooperative is not required to participate in this contest.

Participation form:

Author's name and address: _____

Author's email and/or phone number: _____

Author's parents: _____

Age category (circle the correct one):

8 - 9 years

10 - 11 years

12 - 13 years

14 - 15 years

16 - 18 years

Interview subject's name and address: _____

Interview subject's phone number: _____

Here are some questions that may be asked during the interview:

What was it like at home or school without electricity?

What was it like when the electric distribution system was being installed?

What changed after the electricity was connected?

What was the first electric piece of equipment or appliance that was purchased?

What did you do for fun before electricity and did that change after you got electricity?