

# REA Energy Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



One of 14 electric cooperatives serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey



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Monday - Friday

## From the Board Chairman



### Welcome to your hometown co-op

By Michael Bertolino, *Chairman, Board of Directors*

OUR community has changed over the years. You may remember as a kid buying groceries and hardware at mom-and-pop stores — most are now long gone, driven out by national retailers.


It seems everything today has become a bit generic, focused more on profits than people. Yet it's nice to know we still have locally owned and controlled businesses we can count on, such as REA Energy Cooperative, Inc.

By receiving electricity from the co-op, you're a member — an owner, really — of the business. You have a say in how the co-op is run. Your voice rings loud and clear every year at the REA Energy Cooperative Annual Meeting. That's where you join hundreds of other members to elect folks, like us, to represent your concerns on a daily basis.

We're members, just like you, and elected by you to form your board of directors. Your co-op is managed by farmers, businessmen, laborers, etc. — who live near you. We want what you want — affordable energy bills and the comfort of knowing lights will turn on when you flip a switch.

With those goals in mind, we work throughout the year to invest in our electric system and keep power reliable. We focus on educating members on how to use energy efficiently. We talk to you in the grocery store and on the street, listening to your concerns and ideas.

The board's role is a simple one — we look out for your interests because, quite frankly, we share them. We are elected to represent you at the co-op. And the best part about our co-op is simply that anyone can be a member. We're founded on a set of seven principles, including voluntary and open membership. Anyone who needs electricity within our service territory, regardless of race, religion, sex, or economic circumstances, can become an owner of this hometown co-op. And if you want to serve the community at a higher level, you can run for the board of directors, too.

We're looking forward to seeing you the next time our community joins voices to guide the co-op. Don't miss REA Energy's annual meeting on Sept. 21. We'll see you there! 

# Attention, all high school juniors!

## Rural Electric Youth Tour: June 10-15, 2018

WANT to attend a trip to our nation's capital? As a high school junior, you have the opportunity to be one of several lucky students from our service area to attend the annual Rural Electric Youth Tour June 10-15, 2018.

The Youth Tour program was started in 1957 when Lyndon Johnson (a U.S. senator from Texas at the time) encouraged groups of students from his state to visit Washington, D.C., and see the United States government in action. Other states sent students in the following years. The National Rural Electric Association (NRECA) began coordinating a national program in 1964.

Youth Tour not only offers a great educational experience but a chance to meet new people and have a fun-filled, all-expenses-paid visit to our nation's capital. This is a national event, with over 1,800 students from 43 states participating.

REA Energy will be sending up to nine high school juniors from our service area on the tour. To be eligible, the student's parents/guardians must be members of the cooperative.

Finalists will be selected based on their academic achievement, in-school and extracurricular activities, leadership skills, and an interview.

To enter the contest, fill out the entry form on this page and send it to REA Energy by Jan. 26, 2018.



*"I got to experience so much in D.C. this summer and hope many more people will have the same opportunity I had for years to come!" — Charlie Beatty*

*"This experience made a positive and lasting impression on me. I am thankful for the chance REA provided me." — Matthew Behe*

*"The Youth Tour was one of the best experiences of my life! The learning experiences were never-ending." — Adam Bobak*

*"I met a lot of great people and made some lasting friendships. I definitely recommend future youth to apply for this awesome experience." — Logan Crooks*

*"This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime trip that I was grateful to be a part of and would recommend to anyone." — Mariah Farabaugh*

*"Overall, I would, without a doubt, say this week at Youth Tour was the most amazing week of my life!" — Rachel Hall*

*"Being able to make new friends while learning the history of Washington, D.C.,*

*was a very fun experience, along with learning the inner makeup of how government works." — Benjamin Johns*

*"I am grateful that I was selected by REA to attend this trip because it exposed me to all the wonderful aspects of our history, our government, and the importance of electric cooperatives like REA in our nation." — Evan Marino*

*"Although all the people I met were from so many different states around the country, I found that many of us had something in common, which was growing up in rural areas, and found that many times we shared the same hobbies." — Gina Miller*

### Youth Tour includes:

- ▶ An all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C.
- ▶ Tour of our nation's capitol
- ▶ Visits with federal lawmakers
- ▶ Visits to famous landmark sites, including the Lincoln Memorial and Jefferson Memorial
- ▶ A visit to the Smithsonian Institution
- ▶ Trip to the National Zoological Park
- ▶ Excellent opportunity to meet with other students from all across the nation
- ▶ Great educational opportunity and fun-filled week of adventure
- ▶ **Tour dates: June 10-15, 2018**
- ▶ All expenses are paid; tour participants only need to bring money for souvenirs and extra snacks

**Yes!** I am interested in participating in REA Energy's Youth Tour 2018 competition. Please send me an application and information packet.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Electric Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return to: Stacy Patterson-Hilliard  
 c/o REA Energy Cooperative, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 70  
 Indiana, PA 15701-0070

# REA Energy Co-op Connections discount list

- Align Sports Chiropractic – 724-801-8622 – 20% off when paid at time of service.
- Fleming's Tax Service – 724-254-2158 – Free gift with tax preparation.
- Flower Gallery and Balloons of Indiana – 724-349-5040 – Offer 1: 15% off on in-house purchases or local deliveries. Offer 2: Free wire out service for out-of-town orders.
- Fore Golf Driving Range – 724-349-8669 – Buy one large bucket of golf balls, get a small bucket free.
- Fox's Pizza – Blairsville – 724-459-0110 – 1 Big Daddy (Plain) for \$9.99.
- Fox's Pizza Den – Shelocta – 724-354-3698 – One two-topping Big Daddy, 12 wings, two-liter soda for \$24.99.
- Frank Slavinski State Farm Agent – 814-539-4178 – Free financial insurance review and portfolio analysis.
- Gaboda Building and Remodeling – 814-322-3437 – 10% discount on all remodeling.
- Gatti Pharmacy – 724-349-4200 – 15% off Sunmark brand items.
- Gearhart's Craft and Pets – 814-472-6410 – 10% off total sales.
- Gingerbread Running Company – 724-464-0900 – 10% off purchase.
- Gone For a Day Sports – 724-354-4665 – 3% off total sales.
- Hair Color Experience – 724-349-2003 – 10% off first visit.
- Henigin's Small Engine Repairs – 724-459-8380 – 10% off fast-moving parts: air filters, fuel filters, oil filters, spark plugs, two-cycle oil, lawnmower blades.
- High Street Emporium – 814-472-6990 – 10% off total sales.
- Horses and Hounds – 724-349-3144 – 5% off full grooming.
- Hubcap's Pizza – 814-674-7784 – 10% off pick up or eat in.
- Indian Springs Eye Associates, PC – 724-471-4856 – Offer 1: 20% off eye exam – restrictions apply. Offer 2: 20% off eyewear – restrictions apply. Offer 3: 15% off contact lenses – restrictions apply.
- Indiana Agway – 724-349-3560 – 5% off sales of \$50 or more. Cash or check only. Excludes livestock feeds and sale items.
- Indiana Eye Care – 724-349-8000 – Offer 1: Discounted eye exam – Discounts cannot be combined with insurance or other discounts. Offer 2: 30% off complete pair of glasses and/or sunglasses – Discounts cannot be combined with insurance or other discounts.
- Indiana Floral – 724-465-2608 – 10% off in-store & local deliveries (excluding delivery price).
- Italian Village Pizza – Ebensburg – 814-472-2202 – Offer 1: Free order of mozzarella sticks with purchase of any large specialty pizza at menu price. Offer 2: Two large (12 cut) 1-topping pizzas for \$19.99 plus tax. Offer 3: One medium (8 cut) 2-topping pizza, 1 order of breadsticks, 12 wings, and 2-liter soda for \$22.99 plus tax. Offer 4: ANY TWO 12-inch oven-baked hoagies or cheese steaks and 2-liter soda for \$15.49 plus tax.
- Jennifer Frumpkin Massage Therapist – 724-354-4277 – One hour massage for \$45.
- JGB Company, AMSOIL Synthetic Lubricants – 814-749-9409 – Free shipping – can buy retail, sign up – preferred customer, sign up – dealer, sign up – retail account, sign up – commercial account.
- K & D Auto and Tire – 724-354-3018 – Monthly Oil Change Specials.
- Keith's Industrial Welding – 724-388-6902 – 10% off material used.
- Kosta's Restaurant – 814-472-8883 – 10% off entire bill, minimum purchase of \$10.00. Not valid with any other discounts.
- Laurel Eye Clinic – 814-849-6551 – \$700 off LASIK eye surgery (\$350 per eye), includes free consultation at any of our 11 Pennsylvania locations. Surgery performed in either Altoona or Brookville.
- Luxenberg's Jewelers – Downtown Indiana – 724-465-2122 – 15% off any jewelry purchase, excluding sale items or markdown prices.
- Luxenberg's Jewelers – Indiana Mall – 724-465-5888 – 15% off any jewelry purchase, excluding sale items or markdown prices.
- M & J Cycles – 724-459-0996 – 10% off complete service.
- Mainline Pharmacy – 814-472-9390 – Offer 1: 10% off vitamins. Offer 2: 10% off photo processing.
- Mary's DeJaVu – 724-762-6158 – 10% off any purchase.
- McAdoo's Motorcycle Shop – 724-354-2311 – 10% off on service.
- Meadow Lane Golf Course – 724-465-5604 – Thursday golf special – two (2) players 18 holes with cart, \$55 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Mihalko General Contracting, Inc. – 814-535-2700 – \$100 discount on any job over \$1,500.
- Minich's Sales and Service – 724-397-2267 – Offer 1: 5% off retail price any Dixie Chopper in stock (residential or commercial); some left over models in stock 10% off while supplies last. Offer 2: 10% on service work, tune-ups, oil changes, filters, blade sharpening on most makes of mowers.
- Mint Capital Advisors, LLC – 814-254-4662 – Free, no obligation, and confidential consultation to introduce and discuss the services we offer.
- Moreau Sign Company – 724-541-3664 – 10% off any service (IT, graphics, security, etc.), up to \$50 off.
- Music Mart TV/Appliance/Satellite – 814-472-9570 – Offer 1: Television service free estimate (\$50 value), free delivery on TV's. Offer 2: First month free dish Direct TV satellite, must qualify.
- Our Country Home and More – 724-845-2142 – \$2 off any jar candle.
- Paul Weston Notary Service – 724-354-2400 – 10% off all notary services.
- Penn Glass and Fender – 814-344-8110 – Oil change with filter, 5 quarts non-synthetic for \$15.
- Pennsylvania BBQ – 724-349-7191 – 10% off order.
- Plant-It Earth Greenhouse – 724-479-0808 – 10% off perennial purchase.
- Portage Florals – 814-736-7673 – 10% discount on gift items.
- Precious Pups Dog Grooming – 814-495-7198 – Free toenail clipping.
- Punxsy Hometown Pharmacy – 814-938-9150 – 10% off entire store excluding prepaid gift cards, prescription co-pays, Pennsylvania Lottery and sale items.
- REA Energy Services, Inc. – 724-349-4800 – Up to \$50 Off!! Mention this offer and get 10% off, up to \$50 on one of the many products and services that REA Energy Services offers. (Cannot be used with other discounts or specials).
- Rik-N-Nik's, LLC – 814-472-6006 – 10% off any purchase over \$20. Cannot be combined with any other special or discount.
- Riverview Homes, Inc. – 724-567-5647 – \$500 discount on any new home purchase.
- Robert E. Rankin Distributing – 724-286-3328 – 1% discount on over the counter and delivered goods orders. Not valid on sales taxables and fuel surcharges on delivered goods charge.
- Safe Buy Home Inspection – 724-463-7233 – 10% off any inspection service.
- Saltsburg Floral and Gifts – 724-639-9522 – 10% off on floral arrangements or fresh flowers.
- Shear Perfection Hair Styling and Tannery – 814-472-8632 – Purchase any Wella Professionals product and get the second 1/2 off, of equal or lesser value.
- Shear Stylin – 724-354-2585 – Offer 1: 10% off any products. Offer 2: Buy any tanning package and get 3 free tans.
- SimCloud Corporation – 855-474-6256 – Save \$125 on website start-up package. Includes domain, site design, hosting, Google Apps & SEO.
- Smart Office Services "Your Office Outlet" – 724-349-5510 – 20% off 1st internet online order at 2Bsmarter.com.
- Speedy Furniture – 724-463-7778 – 5% off our already low prices.
- Super 8 – Johnstown – 814-535-5600 – 10 to 15% discount.
- Taylor Trucking & Rental, Inc. – 724-349-7800 – Offer 1: 10% discount on truck rentals. Offer 2: Reduced rates on auto and truck repairs.
- The Coney – 724-465-8082 – 10% off total food purchase. Not valid with any other offers or coupons (excludes alcohol).
- The Vernon Co. – 814-472-8417 – Discount – minimum of 5% to maximum of 10%. Depending on the price at the time the order is quoted or entered. All promotional products – caps, T-shirts, mugs, key fobs, calendars, pens, gifts, awards, etc.
- This, That, and More Resale Shoppe –

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724-459-5336 – 10% off total sales.

Tire Express – 724-349-9450 – 5% on items purchased that are already not discounted or on special.

Tom Paynter Mobile Glass – 724-463-7484 – \$50 off insurance deductible.

Tracy's Consignment Shop – 724-471-4171 – 10% off total purchase.

Tri County ATV Recreation and Rescue Association, Inc. – 877-931-2288 – Free hat with any purchase (while supplies last, substitutions

possible).

Tri Star Motors – 724-349-9020 – With a purchase of a new or used vehicle, Tri Star Ultimate Advantage includes lifetime state inspections, three free oil changes, dent repair, and \$500 additional trade in value guarantee.

Warren Peter Construction, Inc. – 724-349-9078 – A new spacesaver microwave with the purchase of a new home.

William and Mary Gift Shoppe, Inc. – 724-349-1768 – 10% off total purchase. \*Some

exclusions apply.

William Inn/Jay's Place – 814-472-9400 – 20% off all eat-in, full-price food purchases. Sorry, no discounts on alcoholic beverages.

Yanov's Bait and Tackle – 814-736-8431 – Live bait and tackle shop (plus 24/7 live bait porch honor system when we are not there) 5% off our already low prices (tackle only). Co-op Connections Card must be shown at time of purchase.

Yesterday's Party – 814-472-8479 – 10% off of \$20 sale, excludes alcohol.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Looking for an easy way to make your home cozier? Try using an area rug to increase the insulation levels of your floors. Area rugs are stylish and can keep cool air from entering through your floors. Your toes will thank you!



## Right-of-way management and facility construction news

REA Energy contractors will be completing tree-trimming work in the following areas in January:

- ▶ Contractor crews from Asplundh Tree Expert Co. will be trimming the rights-of-way in the Washington, Bel-sano, Kenwood and Strongstown substation areas, in addition to emergency maintenance areas. Crews from Penn Line Service will be trimming the right-of-way of the St. Augustine Substation area.

Notification of work will be made to members in the areas affected. Contractors will perform all right-of-way work per REA Energy specifications. All crews will carry cards and have magnets on their vehicles identifying them as REA Energy contractors.

If you have any questions, call 724-349-4800, or you can view the specifications online at: [www.reaenergy.com](http://www.reaenergy.com).

## 10 Quick Tips to Avoid High Winter Bills

Looking to lower your bills this winter? Use the 10 tips below to conserve energy.

- Seal air leaks and insulate well to prevent heat from escaping and cold air from entering your home.
- Reduce waste heat by installing a programmable thermostat.
- Turn off lights when not in use.
- Lower your water heater temperature. The Dept. of Energy recommends using the warm setting (120 degrees) during fall and winter months.
- Unplug electronics like kitchen appliances and TVs when you're away.
- Open blinds and curtains during the day to allow sunlight in to warm your home.
- Close blinds and curtains at night to keep cold, drafty air out.
- Use power strips for multiple appliances, and turn off the main switch when you're away from home.
- Wash clothes in cold water, and use cold-water detergent whenever possible.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, which use at least 75 percent less energy.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

## Your Board of Directors



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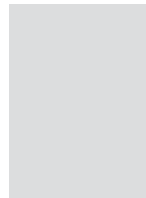
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