

# Wake ElectriConnection

For members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation



"The power to make a difference"

MARCH 2010

## Annual Meeting Offers Prizes, Kids Activities

**J**oin us for Wake Electric's Annual Meeting! We invite you to take a pause in your busy lives to join this exciting gathering of Wake Electric members. During this meeting we celebrate our strength and unity and conduct the important business of our cooperative.

This year, our meeting will focus on how renewable energy & energy efficiency legislation in North Carolina affects Wake Electric and its members. The complexity and the fast pace of issues confronting co-ops—particularly new federal and state legislations on energy that could mean higher electric rates for consumers—means we have critical choices to make each day that have long-term implications. We have to get it right.

But challenges are also opportunities. That's why your participation at this Annual Meeting is so important as we join together

to make decisions reflecting our traditional cooperative priorities and responsibilities.

You will have the opportunity to hear reports on the plans and progress of Wake Electric and have the chance to ask questions about your co-op. There will be special activities for school-aged children during the meeting.

Members in attendance will be entered into a drawing for a number of prizes, including \$5,000 in cash prizes. The Grand Prize will be \$1,000 and two second-place prize of \$500 each. There will be four third-place prizes of \$250 each and 20 fourth-place cash prizes of \$100 each.



### ATTENTION MEMBERS

Wake Electric's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 26, at the Louisburg College Auditorium in Louisburg, NC. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the business meeting begins at 7 p.m. If you have questions about the Annual Meeting, please call 919.863.6300 or (toll-free) 800.474.6300 or email [information@wemc.com](mailto:information@wemc.com).

It pays to



with Wake Electric

**10 lucky members  
will win a \$50 credit  
on their power bill!**

**E**veryone's talking about "going green." At Wake Electric, we recognize that conserving our natural resources is an important responsibility we all share. And at the same time, we know that our members have busy lives and often don't have time to devote to being green.

That's why we're providing an effective way for you to go green and also save time each month by opting to go paperless and receive your bill electronically each month. All you need is an email address and a password. Another way to help the environment is by choosing our bank draft payment option. Choosing one of our draft dates that works best for

you can also save you the time and hassle of a trail of paperwork each month as well as keeping up with due dates.

If you sign up for both paperless billing and bank draft between March 1 and July 16, you will automatically be entered into a drawing for a \$50 bill credit.\*

To learn more about how you can sign up for both our paperless and bank draft payment options, simply call our customer service department at (800) 474-6300 or (919) 863-6300; or email [information@wemc.com](mailto:information@wemc.com). Let's go green together—ultimately everyone's a winner.

\*Drawing will be held in July 2010. Winners will be announced on-line and in the *ElectriConnection* section of the Carolina Country in September.



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# Wake Electric Rewards Academic Achievement

In January, Wake Electric awarded 40 U.S. Savings Bonds to area students who received at least one "A" (or its equivalent) on their report cards. The \$50 savings bond awards are part of a drawing held three times a year. The next drawings will be held on July 20 and October 20. *Note: Because each school district may have a different time for issuing report cards, if a student's entry misses one deadline, the entry will automatically be included in the next drawing.*

To enter, students should include a copy of the report card. Include on the report card:

- \* Parents' or guardians' names (if applicable)
- \* Home address
- \* Email address that is checked regularly

- \* School attending
- \* Telephone Number

Students in any grade in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties may apply.

Funding for scholarships is made possible by Wake Electric member-consumers through the Operation Round-Up Program. Members who sign up for Operation RoundUp elect to have their monthly electric bill rounded up to the next whole dollar. These pennies add up to major dollars for community programs.

For more information, visit [www.wemc.com](http://www.wemc.com).

## January 2010 Savings Bond Winners

Last Name	First Name	School
Bass	Joshua	Cedar Creek Middle
Blalock	Savannah	Franklin Academy
Burney	Jessica	Wilton Elementary
Burney	Zachary	GC Hawley Middle
Crudup	Albert	Franklinton Elementary
DeBruhl	Sarah	Neuse Baptist Christian School
Diamond	Zach	Athens Drive High School
Dixon	Bruce	Franklinton High
Freeman	Hannah	UNC-Wilmington
Furbert	Amanda Jean	Leesville Road High School
Gibbs	Randi	Franklinton High
Gilliam	Roxi	Cedar Creek Middle
Gough	Colin	Franklin Academy
Graham	Joshua	Franklin Academy
Graham	Jessica	Franklin Academy
Harris	Malcolm	Henderson Middle
Hill	Cameron	Cedar Creek Middle
Hoffman	Matthew	Long Hill Elementary
Hoffman	Devin	Franklinton High
Hoffman	Taryn	Cedar Creek Middle

Honhart	Jessica	Cedar Creek Middle
Lamont	Ian	Louisburg Elementary
Majercik	Shane	Gorman Christian Academy
Maurais	Rachael	Endeavor Charter School
Moss	Alayna	Wilton Elementary
Oakes	Will	Franklinton High
Oakes	Kaitlin	Youngsville Elementary School
Overby	Michael	Terrell Lane Middle School
Rogers	Stacey Leigh	North Raleigh Christian Academy
Schulz	Emily	Franklin Academy
Schulz	Allison	Franklin Academy
Stroud	Wyatt	East Millbrook Middle School
Thorne	Dustin	Northern Nash High
Thorne	John	Northern Nash High
Wilder	Sterling	EW Integrated Technology
Wilkerson	Stephanie	Joe Toler-Oak Hill Elementary
Wilkins	Hunter	C G Credle Elementary
Wilkins	Greyson	C G Credle Elementary
Willis	Christian	South Granville High School
Wilson	Monica	Youngsville Elementary School

# Window Treatments Can Save You Energy



**Window treatments and coverings aren't just for decoration—they can also go a long way in saving energy.**

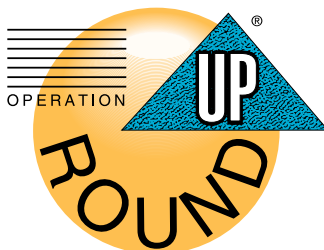
A drapery's ability to reduce heat loss and gain depends on several factors, including fabric type (closed or open weave) and color. Although it's difficult to generalize, when drawn during cold weather most conventional draperies can reduce heat loss from a warm room up to

10 percent. In winter, keep draperies that don't receive direct sunlight closed during the day, and close all draperies at night.

Then seal the drapery at both sides with Velcro or magnetic tape, and overlap it in the center. Such snug window treatments can reduce

# Wake Electric seeks grant applications from area non-profit organizations

**W**ake Electric is seeking grant applications from non-profit organizations in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties. Through its Operation RoundUp program, the Wake Electric Foundation board will consider grant requests for projects and proposals that:



- ★ Serve a broad range of individuals in the counties served by Wake Electric
- ★ Use funds for educational, charitable, or economic development purposes

Grant requests can be made for up to \$5,000 and are given out in January, April, July, and October of each year. The next grant application deadline is Friday, March 12.

First quarter 2010 grant winners are:

1. *Bunn Rural Fire Department, Bunn, Franklin County—received \$2,500*
2. *Camp Kanata, Wake Forest, Wake County—received \$1,000*
3. *Frances Boyette Dickson Auditorium at Louisburg College, Louisburg, Franklin County—received \$2,000*
4. *Franklinton American Legion Post 52, Franklinton, Franklin County—received \$1,500*

To learn more or for an application, go to [www.wemc.com/oproundup](http://www.wemc.com/oproundup) or contact Angela Perez, Public Relations/Communications Specialist, at [angela.perez@wemc.com](mailto:angela.perez@wemc.com) or at 919-863-6376.

The funds for Operation RoundUp grants come from voluntary contributions from WEMC members.

heat loss by up to 25 percent.

An inexpensive insulating window panel or pop-in shutter, typically made of a core of rigid foam insulation, also reduces heat loss. The panels' edges seal tightly against the window frame, and they can be pushed or clipped into the window's

interior. No hardware is required.

Draperies work best for winter weather. Window blinds are more effective at reducing summer heat gain than winter heat loss.

For more information, visit [eere.energy.gov](http://eere.energy.gov)

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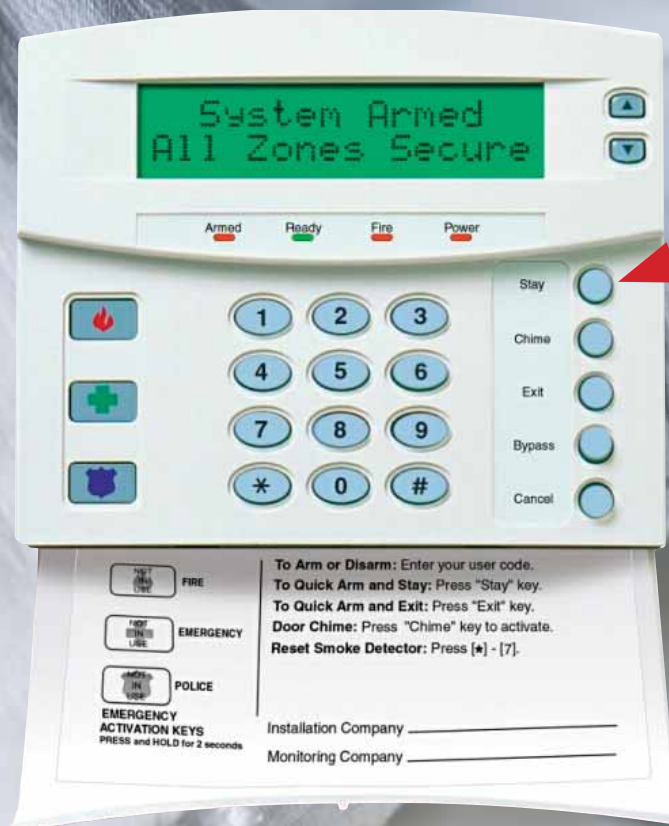
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### ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Check your water heater thermostat. Many manufacturers set thermostats to 140 degrees, although most households only need a setting of 120 degrees. Each 10 degree drop in water temperature can save you between 3 and 5 percent in energy costs.



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