Give Your Child a Summer of Fun With

Camp Save-a-Watt™

ANNUAL YOUTH PROGRAM FOCUSES ON ELECTRICAL SAFETY, ENERGY CONSERVATION

egistration for Camp Save-a-Watt has opened, and now is the chance for your child to join PEC's Wattson Raccoon for an exciting, free summer of activities focused on electrical safety, energy conservation, and nature exploration.

The virtual camp also features in-person activities, like our Solar Car Derby and the chance to meet a PEC lineworker!

Throughout the summer, children get to participate in crafts and games and are provided with additional educational resources. The camp continues to grow each year, as 675 kindergarten through fifth-grade students joined in on the fun in 2024, and 100 campers built and raced sun-powered wooden cars in our Solar Car Derby in June at Putters & Gutters in Marble Falls.

PEC'S CAMP SAVE-A-WATT ADDS EXCITEMENT TO SUMMER LEARNING!













"Camp Save-a-Watt is always such a great experience for children in our service area," said Community Relations Manager Celeste Mikeska. "It's so nice to see all of the campers come together each year at the Solar Car Derby and to see their progress through the summer.

We're excited to host it for another year!"

SIGN UP TODAY

Enrollment in Camp Save-a-Watt runs through May 30, and the virtual camp begins June 2. Sign up by May 16 to get a free camp T-shirt! To learn more and register, visit myPEC.com/camp.



Scan to register for Camp Save-a-Watt!













FOR THOSE WHO PUT IT ALL ON THE LINE

APRIL 18 IS NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY

ur lineworkers are the backbone of the cooperative. They're our first responders — and yours — when the unavoidable happens. It's a dangerous job they do in any weather, any time they're called. For National Lineman Appreciation Day, we're sharing just some of the many thank yous our members have sent them. Share your own at myPEC.com/thanks.

"To all our PEC lineworkers, thank you for keeping the lights on! We have lived all over the country in our 48 years together, and PEC is the most reliable and responsive energy company, period! Your hard work and dedication are the reasons. We think of you out there in all sorts of awful weather and pray for your safety. In our household, we thank you out loud at those times!" – Lindsay and Ken C.

"It is a dangerous job, and we thank you for going the extra mile to ensure our safety and comfort. You are amazing, caring people with generous hearts. Linemen work in the shadows, allowing us to bask in the light. I thank God for you. Enjoy your Lineman Appreciation Day." – Ted and Karen Y.

"Thanks from the bottom of my heart. You keep us comfortable and safe in the worst conditions. And please thank your family too. They must make sacrifices for the hours you work. Please know we appreciate you." –Luan N. "Thank you for showing up and being there to do probably one of the most thankless jobs out there. We see y'all, and I always have so much respect for the men and women that we see working on the lines. It's known it takes brains and guts and a lot of admiration comes your way. Just know you're loved and appreciated." – G. Family

"My thanks go to all linemen who risk their health and lives to ensure the public has access to the resources we depend on for our own safety, convenience, and lives. My father was a telephone lineman in the 1950s and instilled our family's devotion to those who work high above to make our lives easier. Stay safe and go back to your families as you left them." – Phillip B.

Next time you see a lineworker, share your gratitude for the hard work and long hours they put in to keep our power safe and reliable. Their sacrifices make the things we depend on every day possible. Team PEC loves working for our members. We appreciate you, too!





Encouraging Conservation and Community Education

t PEC, we believe in being a good steward to the land our members have Lacalled home for generations. That's why we're proud to have awarded a \$5,000 Power of Change grant supporting Candlelight Ranch in Marble Falls, which will help fund a rainwater catchment system at their newest building, The Hideaway.

MORE THAN JUST A RANCH

Candlelight Ranch was founded in 1999 with a vision: to provide a healing, educational space for children to connect with nature. Co-founder Don Barr and his family saw the

HOW PEC AND ITS MEMBERS HELPED CANDLELIGHT **RANCH CONSERVE WATER** PEDERNALES ELECTRIC COO 40-acre property as more than just land — it was a place where kids could learn about the area's natural history, grow food, and care for animals.



For more than 25 years, Candlelight Ranch has been a place for children of all abilities to get involved in a variety of activities, including gardening, zip lining, equine education, and so much more.

THE NEED FOR AN INDOOR SPACE

Over the years, Texas summers have become too hot and dry for kids to stay outside all day, making an indoor activity space essential for Candlelight Ranch.

Enter The Hideaway. Completed in April 2024, this indoor facility now offers a space for art, music, and educational games, ensuring that kids can continue learning and growing, rain or shine. The rainwater catchment system, with installation complete, allows water to be conserved and used for watering gardens.

"We're extremely thankful to the PEC members who rounded up their bills to support nonprofits like us," said Candlelight Ranch Executive Director Stacie Bryan. "It's hugely impactful for so many in Central Texas."





DO MORE GOOD WITH PEC!

Candlelight Ranch is just one example of how PEC's Power of Change Program empowers local organizations that make a real impact. Every cent you donate makes a difference.

You don't have to do much to do good! For less than \$1 a month, you can make a change. Enroll today at myPEC.com/change.

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Stay Safe This Spring

ACT NOW TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR STORMS

April showers bring May flowers — and potential power outages. Take action now to stay safe and minimize their impact.

GET THOSE TREES TRIMMED
Falling tree limbs can cause property
damage and power outages. Trim trees near
your home, but never cut branches within 10
feet of power lines yourself. Give PEC a call
at 888-554-4732, and one of our trained and
certified professionals will handle it for free.

DEVELOP A PLAN

Create a plan of action

Create a plan of action with your family in case of a prolonged outage. Prepare a readiness kit with essential items, including first aid supplies, a cellphone, a flashlight, one gallon of water per person, and airactivated heat packs. Also, be sure you know when and where to seek shelter if needed.

LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN CONTACT YOU

If we have your mobile phone number, we can send you important text alerts. Log in to add it to your account — learn how on the next page. When your number is up to date, you can report your outage by texting "OUTAGE" to 25022. Message and data rates may apply.



ENSURE YOUR FOOD STAYS AT A SAFE TEMPERATURE

Keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed during an outage. Food can stay cold for about four hours in a fridge and 48 hours in a freezer. Use appliance thermometers to monitor the temperature.

PROTECT YOUR ELECTRONICS
Unplug your devices or switch off the power strip or surge protector during a storm or outage to protect them from surges. After power is restored, wait a few minutes before turning them back on.

MONITOR YOUR OUTAGE
Report your outage and track it in real time at map.myPEC.com. If you reported it via text, you'll receive messages with any available updates.

Learn more at myPEC.com/weather.

The More You Know



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO TO RECEIVE IMPORTANT COMMUNICATIONS FROM PEC

Add your mobile number to your PEC account, and you'll be able to report outages and receive updates by text. We only send messages when it's important, like during an outage or emergency. You may opt out at any time.

- ▶ Log in or sign up for access to your account at pec.smarthub.coop.
- ► From the left navigation, select 'Settings' and then 'Contact Information' to confirm or change your mobile phone number.
- ▶ Select an effective date and click 'Save' when you've made changes. That's it!

Then, to report an outage, simply text "outage" to 25022. Message and data rates may apply. Want to add multiple mobile numbers to your account? Call us at 888-554-4732.

You also have the option to enroll in a variety of account notifications. Once logged in, select 'Manage Notifications' from the 'Settings' menu, where you can configure notifications such as payment reminders or alerts about high usage on your account.

We hope you'll keep in touch! Learn more at myPEC.com/texting.

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