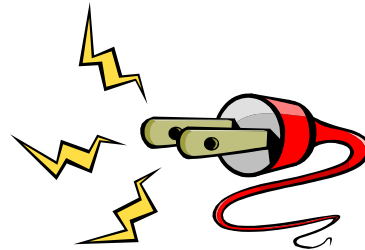




Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. ELECTRICAL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Divisions: Grades 1 – 3
Grades 4 – 6

Eligibility: Open to ANY student in the grades listed above, in any county RGEC serves. Parents/Guardians do not need to be members of RGEC.



How To Participate: Schools should call 1-800-749-1509 or email llamarre@rgec.coop to enroll in the contest. You will receive a confirmation email.

Include the following:

1. Name of the school
2. District
3. Number of students per grade level who will be participating in the contest
4. Teacher/counselor contact name, telephone number and email address
5. School mailing address.

How the Contest Works: Once the school is enrolled in the contest, students will illustrate principles of electrical safety. Posters should be ½ sheet of white poster board. Art should be original, and drawn/colored by the student (not parents), and may not be computer-generated, cut out of magazines, etc. Students may not paste cotton, beads, etc. on the poster. We encourage teachers to make this an in-class project, which can be tied to the study of electricity.

(RGEC provides free electrical safety demonstrations to schools throughout our service territory. If interested, please schedule early, so we may accommodate your request. For more information on electrical safety demonstrations, visit our web site at www.riogrande.coop/rgecmembers/safety.asp check out the awesome arcing demonstration video on this page, too! The “Kids” link on our web site contains some electrical safety information you may find helpful in preparing your class for the poster contest.)

School level judging: Each participating school will be responsible for determining the best poster in each of the two divisions, grades 1-3 and grades 4-6. There can only be one winner per school in each division. (If only grades 1-3 participate, there will be only one winner selected, not two.)

Certificates of Participation: Certificates of Participation will be awarded to every student who participates in the contest at the individual school level.

Notify RGEC of winners: Once school level judging has been completed, please take individual digital pictures of each winner with their poster and e-mail to llamarre@rgec.coop with name of student, grade, and teacher. **Poster judging must be completed and RGEC notified of winners by April 20, 2012.** Once notified of winners’ names, the Co-op will provide each school with two School Winner Certificates. RGEC will make the announcement of individual school winners to local newspapers, which may or may not elect to print the photograph.

Send Winning Posters to RGEC: Upon selection of winners, please roll up winning posters in a mailing tube and mail to RGEC, P.O. Box 1509, Brackettville, TX 78832, so that your school’s winning posters can be judged against those from others schools to determine the Overall Winner in each division. The posters will be judged by the RGEC board of directors at the regularly scheduled May board meeting, and winners will be notified shortly thereafter.

Prizes: The (overall) winner in each division will have his/her poster incorporated in the book cover design of covers provided by RGEC for the upcoming school year, and each winner will receive a \$50 Wal-Mart Gift Card. RGEC will publish the names and photos of the two overall winners in our monthly magazine, which is distributed to Cooperative members (approx. 6,000) in 18 counties in Texas and 2 counties in New Mexico.

