



## News Release

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### White River Valley Electric Cooperative Announces 2022 CYCLE Delegates

**Branson, Missouri** – White River Valley Electric Cooperative announces the 2022 Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience (CYCLE) Contest delegates. Four area students will represent WRVEC and travel to Jefferson City July 13-15.

The 2022 CYCLE delegates are Lily Holmes (Branson), Alieah Youngblood (School of the Ozarks), Emery Keller (Spokane), and Hailey Camerer (Forsyth). Olivia Williams (Forsyth) was also selected but is unable to attend.

The delegates receive a prestigious invitation to an expense-paid, three-day leadership development experience in our state capitol. They will join more than ninety-five high school sophomores and juniors from Missouri electric cooperatives for a unique and exciting leadership experience. In recent years, program participants have met with prominent officials, as well as taken guided tours of the Missouri Supreme Court and the Missouri State Capitol building.



Alieah Youngblood (School of the Ozarks)



Emery Keller (Spokane)



Hailey Camerer (Forsyth)



Lily Holmes (Branson)

"One of the Cooperative principles that guides our programming is *Education, Training, and Information*," said Nathan Stearns, Community Programs Coordinator at WRVEC. "We are excited that

CYCLE is one of the ways we fulfill that mission, and that these high caliber students can experience this type of opportunity!"

High school sophomores from participating schools across WRVEC's five-county service area submitted an essay that answered the question, "What qualities or experiences make you a good leader?" The Cooperative received submissions from the following area schools: Branson, Forsyth, Spokane, and School of the Ozarks.

To be eligible for the annual CYCLE Contest, students must (1) be a high school sophomore and attend a high school within WRVEC's five-county service territory or (2) be home-schooled within WRVEC's five-county service territory, be between 15-16 years of age, and be at a sophomore level equivalent. Their family does not need to be a member of the Cooperative, but they must attend a school in the service territory. Applications for 2023 CYCLE Contest will be available next Spring.

For more information about CYCLE, visit [www.whiteriver.org/community/youth-programs/cycle/](http://www.whiteriver.org/community/youth-programs/cycle/).

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