



**White River Valley Electric Cooperative
News Release**

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White River Valley Electric Cooperative Announces 2023 CYCLE Delegates

Branson, Missouri – White River Valley Electric Cooperative (WRVEC) announces the 2023 Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience (CYCLE) Contest delegates. Four area students will represent WRVEC and travel to Jefferson City July 19-21.

The 2023 CYCLE delegates are Kiya Barnes (Blue Eye), William Beadle (Nixa), Aubrey Harr (Branson), and Jadyn Gieber (Ava).

The delegates receive 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.

" *Education, Training, and Information* is a guiding cooperative principle," said Nathan Stearns, Community Programs Coordinator at WRVEC. "CYCLE provides outstanding local students a once-in-a lifetime opportunity to gain leadership skills while learning more about electric cooperatives and their state government."



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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?"

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 the 2024 CYCLE Contest will be available next spring.

For more information about CYCLE, visit www.whiteriver.org/community/youth-programs/cycle/.

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