4-H Electric Program Overview

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"We Bring Engineering to Life"

4-H Electric Program Sponsors

- Duke Energy
 - ➤ Duke Energy Progress (44)
 - ➢ Duke Energy Carolinas − (38)
- Dominion Energy
 - > Northeast District (18)
- North Carolina Association Electric Co-ops

Electric Program Website

https://nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/electric/

Territorial Map.





4-H Electric Program Objectives

- Develop effective leadership, character, and citizenship
- Develop life skills
 - Critical thinking
 - > Problem solving
 - > Teamwork
 - ➤ Time management
 - Public speaking
- Learn about the fundamentals of electricity and its safe efficient use
- Create an awareness of energy usage, generation, distribution
- Energy conservation, renewable energy technologies
 Solar, Wind, Hydro
- Generate enthusiasm for Science and Technology (STEM)

Electric Program Activities

- 4-H Electric curriculum books
 - ➤ Magic of Electricity
 - Investigating Electricity
 - Wired for Power
 - Entering Electronics
- Building can lamps
- Wiring outlets and switches (basic wiring)
- Learn how to use electrical tools (volt-ohm meter, soldering iron)
- Identify circuit components and read circuit diagrams (electric kits)
- Integrates well with robotics curriculum
- Tour local or regional electric generation/distribution facilities
- County, District, and State electric presentations

Activities cont. – Electronic Kits

- Different project kit selected annually
- Funding provided by Duke and Dominion
- Twenty free kits per county
- Additional can be purchased
- Requirements
 - Attend training
 - Request submitted by Agent or PA

Regional Kit Training Opportunities (Agent, PA, Volunteer Leaders, youth)



4-H Electric Congress



Transportation Provided – Holiday Tours



Electric Congress Delegates

- Minimum age requirement (11 by Jan. 1)
- County Delegate (4 per county)
 ▶ 11-13 (2)
 ▶ 14-18 (2)
- *Electric Portfolio Delegate* (2 per county)
- *Recruiting Delegate* (1 per county)
- At-Large Recruiting Delegate (10)
- At-Large Electric Portfolio Delegate (10)
- Adult Leaders (2 max), 4-H Agent or Program Assistant
 - ➢ 3 or less youth, 1 Adult leader plus Agent or PA
 - ➤ 4 or more youth, 2 Adult leaders plus Agent or PA

Community Service Project



Energy Industry Career Fair

- Caldwell Community College (Lineworker program)
- Duke Energy
- Dominion Energy
- Bucket Truck and Lineworkers
- Electric Vehicles (Tesla / Electric Truck)
- Fairfield Electric Cooperative
- Google
- Altec Industries
- UNC-Wilmington
- NC State
- NC A&T Innovation Station (mobile makerspace)

Careers in the Energy Industry







Electric Vehicle Technology





Territorial Awards

- Selection based on Electric Portfolio submitted to state office
 - Duke Energy Progress
 - Duke Energy Carolinas
 - Dominion Energy
- First place *iPad* (\$500 Card)
- Second Place Samsung Galaxy Tablet (\$250 Card)
- Third place JBL Portable Bluetooth Speaker (\$150 Card)





County and Individual Recognition

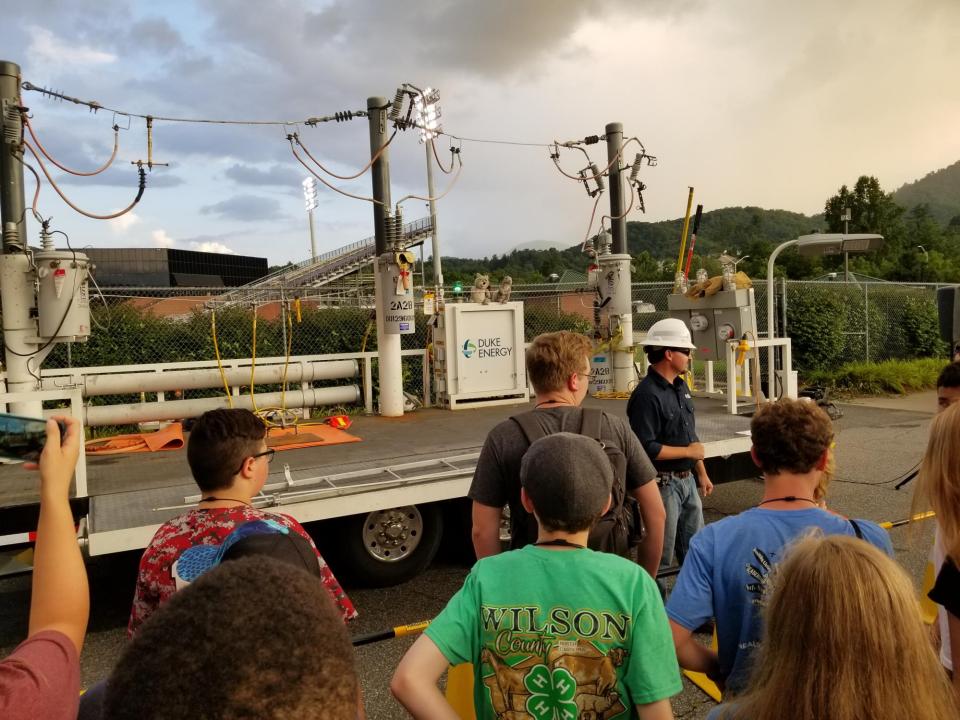


Educational Tours

- Hydroelectric Facilities
- Duke Energy Emerging Technologies Center
- Lincoln Combustion Turbine Station
 - Combustion turbine power generation
 - Advanced combustion turbine generator (Siemens Energy)
- Brunswick Energy & Educational Center
 - Nuclear Energy
 - Innovation and Renewables
 - Live Line Demonstration

Live Line Demonstration





Thorpe Hydroelectric Plant Tour

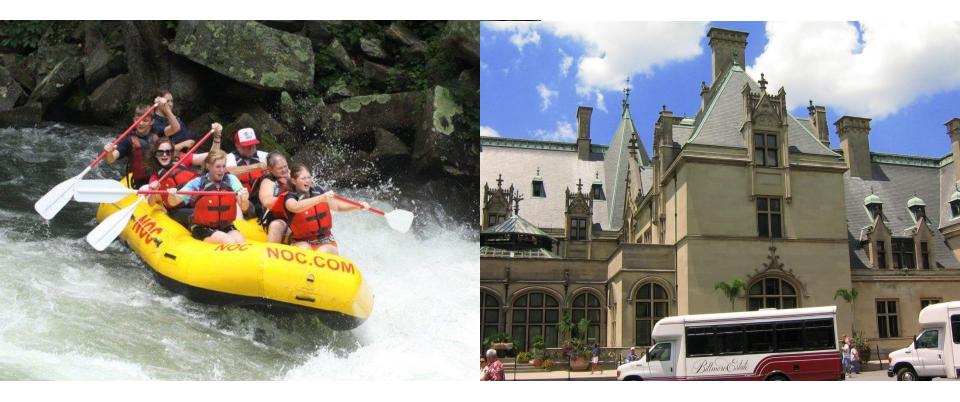


Electric Congress Excursions

- White water rafting
- Swimming in the ocean
- Carowinds
- Agritourism farm
- Train ride
- Outdoor drama
- Ocean cruise
- Water park



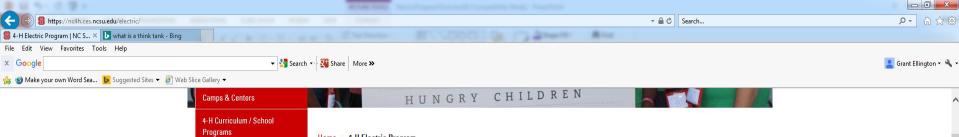
Electric Congress Excursions – cont.





Electric Congress Impacts

- Rewards youth for their hard work during the year
- Unique opportunities beyond the county level
- Career Fair
 - Hybrid vehicles, electric vehicle technology (Tesla)
 - Linemen skills, job requirements, education
 - Career opportunities in the energy industry
 - Engineering opportunities
- College campus experience
- Electric "ideas"
- Meet with other youth from across the state with similar STEM passion
 - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrUAZP-L_1M&feature=youtu.be</u>



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The 4-H Electric Program is an informal hands-on youth program conducted by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and its professional 4-H agents and volunteer adult leaders located in all 100 counties and the Cherokee Reservation. Youth learn about the fundamentals of electricity, renewable energy technologies, and energy conservation. Activities include learning how to solder, learning the difference between series and parallel circuits, and assembling can lamps. Youth learn many life skills while participating in this program, but also generate more enthusiasm for science and technology.

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Electric Congress Delegate Criteria and Program Awards



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