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## Rutherford EMC Awards Bright Ideas Grants to Classroom Teachers

Rutherford EMC recently awarded 17 grants, totaling \$15,101 to area teachers for special projects that will enhance learning in their classrooms.

The Bright Ideas grant program, sponsored by North Carolina's electric cooperatives, strives to improve education in North Carolina classrooms by awarding grants to teachers for innovative, classroom-based projects in grades K-12 that would not otherwise be funded. The annual Bright Ideas awards fund creative teaching ideas to meet the needs of area students.

With these new grants, Rutherford EMC has now contributed over \$248,000 to area schools over the past 15 years.

Since it began in 1994, the Bright Ideas program has awarded more than \$7 million in grant money to the state's teachers to sponsor more than 6,400 projects reaching over 1 million students.

The funds go to public school teachers serving grades K-12, with awards of up to \$1,200 being offered for projects in any discipline.

Bright Ideas grant applications are screened by volunteer judges, including educators, community leaders and representatives of the co-ops in a competitive evaluation process. Judges across the state reviewed more than 1,900 applications this year.

Projects funded by Rutherford EMC this year are expected to benefit over 5,200 students in their first year of operation and hundreds of others in the years ahead.

This year's awards locally, including the names of individual and/or team project winners, their respective schools, and the names of winning projects are as follows:

### Burke County

- Jane Chownyk, Team Leader, and Jenny Kinard; Hildebran Elementary, Hildebran; Growing Green
- John Zimmerman; Robert L. Patton High, Morganton; Got Writing? Bring It to the Writing Center
- Abby Powell; Ray Childers Elementary, Hickory; See, Hear and Feel Our Way to Reading Success

### Catawba County

- Amy Freeman; Mountain View Elementary, Hickory; Positive Behavior Support (PBS) - Second Step Program

### Cleveland County

- Missy Short; Kings Mountain Middle, Kings Mountain; Whodunit? The Science Behind the Mystery
- Shi Whisnant, Team Leader; Janet Harrill, Keila Parker and Yvonne Franz; North Shelby School, Shelby; Making Connections

### Gaston County

- Rachel Critchley; Hunter Huss High, Gastonia; G.A.M.E.S.: G-etting A-ll M-astering E-arth S-cience
- Ashley Hager; Lowell Elementary, Lowell; Classroom Library

### Lincoln County

- Jessica Poole; East Lincoln Middle, Iron Station; Math Fun on the Go!
- Laurie Sellers; S. Ray Lowder Elementary, Lincolnton; LEAP into Learning

### McDowell County

- Stella Brewer, Team Leader; Morgan Pittman, Tammy Dayton and Donna Pyatt, Nebo Elementary, Nebo; Weather Wizards are Watching Out for You!
- Kathryn McKinney, Team Leader, and Crystal Hamby; Glenwood Elementary, Marion; Garden Gone Wild
- Tracey Widmann, Team Leader, and Kelly Powell; Alternative Education Center, Marion; Healing Garden

### Rutherford County

- Robyn Elliott, Team Leader; Karl Bradley, Misti McDaniel and Sherry Jolly; R-S Middle, Rutherfordton; Addressing an Inconvenient Truth at R-S Middle
- Jennifer Condrey; Forest City-Dunbar Elementary, Forest City; Superstar Sensory Garden
- Libby Fowler; Ellenboro Elementary, Ellenboro; Tiger's Mile
- Tammie Ash, Team Leader; Alicia Clinton and Brandon Hill; Ellenboro Elementary, Ellenboro; Backyard Habitats

Rutherford EMC congratulates all of these Bright Ideas grant winners and thanks all educators who submitted an application this year. The co-op commends you for the level of interest that you have in making your classrooms unique for increased learning opportunities.

## New Payment Options Now Available at Rutherford EMC

Rutherford EMC continues to offer its members beneficial and convenient services related to receiving and paying their monthly bills. The newest payment options are electronic checks, "E-checks" and an "Auto-Pay" feature. Both are featured on our Web site, [www.remc.com](http://www.remc.com), under "Pay Online."

E-checks can be taken by phone, in person or online. Your checking account and routing numbers are entered into the payment system along with the payment amount. This amount is electronically deducted from your checking account at the time of the transaction.

Auto-Pay allows you to set up your own bank draft on our Web site. To sign up for Auto-Pay, you must have a "zero balance" on your account and a valid e-mail address. Members will be notified by e-mail if approved or denied for the program. Auto-Pay can be set up with a credit card, debit card or E-check draft. Members will have the responsibility of setting the date you want your monthly bill

to be drafted and how long you want the draft to continue. If a member is already participating in the bank draft program, you cannot participate in Auto-Pay unless you ask to be removed from the REMC-activated bank draft program.

REMC has numerous online services that will save you time and money. E-billing allows you to electronically receive your bill each month and avoid a paper billing. Online payment options can save you time and money by avoiding the use of checks, stamps and driving expenses. REMC accepts credit and debit cards by phone and in person, and those honored are Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. You may also contact your local office and have bank draft or credit/debit card draft set up by providing a signed authorization form accompanied by the required information. This option automatically schedules the date of the draft.

# SWAP SHOP

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Mail your ads to: Newsletter Editor, Rutherford EMC, PO Box 1569, Forest City, NC, 28043-1569 or e-mail at gmcdaniel@remc.com. **No phone calls please.**

## FOR SALE

**Brunswick** 8' slate pool table - exc. cond., \$700 firm, pd. \$1,500; La-Z-Boy his & her chairs, beige, great cond., \$125; Ozark Trail tent, sleeps 6, used twice, \$70; Boxwood stove, \$50. 828-247-1438.

'95 Ford Econoline van - AT, 302 V8 eng., rear wheel drive, A/C, PS, AM-FM radio, roof rack, was used as painter's work van, \$1,800; InVoca voice-controlled TV remote, can be programmed for more than one TV at a time, never been used, \$50, sold new for \$80; Whirlpool elec. stove, 2 large & 2 small burners, works great, \$40. Robert or Sarah at 704-263-9517.

**2-BR, 2-BA**, furnished mob. home w/porch & shed - in nice park, great location, Lake Wylie, S.C., \$6,500. 828-287-0147 or 704-964-8735.

**Mita** DC-2360 analog copier - \$400, possible delivery, Iron Station. 704-735-3246 or 704-898-0133.

**Full-size** water bed; 10x13 metal building w/floor frame included; queen-sz. comforter. 704-435-3035.

**15'** Grumman canoe - like new, \$500. 704-735-6900.

**Horse tack** - nice Western pleasure saddle, brand name, \$200; Western headstall w/bit, \$30; new show halter w/silver, \$75; new set of spurs w/straps, \$30; brand name CC English saddle, \$250; English bridle, \$20; leather tie down, \$20. Can e-mail pics. 828-674-8365 bef. 9 pm.

**Wicker/steel** patio set - 5-pc., \$250; solid oak bar table w/2 stools, \$250. 828-584-6134.

'83 Nissan PU - 118,000 mi., has camper top converted to hauling cage for small animals, back gate has welded bars to latch, welded bars inside of camper top, good cond., runs good, about 23 mpg. 704-629-3507.

**Beekeeping** supplies - complete hive packages or components, order bees in February for spring delivery. 828-305-9446 or 828-748-8511 aft. 3 pm.

**Small** dump bed trailer - pull w/lawn mower (not for road), \$150, cost \$229 new; small coal stove, good cond., can burn wood blocks, \$100; used tin, 21'Lx2'W, \$15 ea. or take all for \$13 ea.; new storm doors, \$85-\$150; 64-3/4x37-1/2 window w/brick mold, \$85, cost \$221 new. 828-413-5329.

**Boxer** pups - CKC-registered, 5 mls., 5 femls., 7 fawn/white, 1 solid white & 2 white w/one eye patch, born 10-31-09, ready 12-19-09, both

parents on site, \$325 fawn/white, \$375 white. 704-732-4645 or 980-429-0790.

**Whirlpool** elec. range - \$50; 11 yards of furniture cover material, beautiful color, \$3/yd. or all for \$25. 828-287-7575.

**Barrel** stove kit - new, Vogelzang Model BK100E, cast-iron door, legs & damper/flue collar, \$50. 828-894-2562.

**Tanning** bed - personal use only, 1-owner, 24 bulbs, great cond., \$300. 704-735-6642 or 704-779-8006.

**17'** alum. canoe w/2 wooden oars & trolling motor; dark wood king-sz. headboard/footboard; dark wood 4-pc. entertainment center; lots of unused decking lumber. Make offer. 704-910-9475.

**Golf** club set w/bag - 16 pcs., \$35. 828-584-6134.

'73, 12x60 mob. home - 2 BRs, 2 full BAs, heat pump, new porches & carport included, must be moved, real nice home, \$4,800. 704-735-2297 or 704-732-3892.

**Antique** scales w/heavy duty wheels - work great, weighs items up to 500 lbs., great for commercial or personal use, \$100. 704-472-4001.

'94 Buick Skylark - not running, body in good cond., nice interior; 2 older model mobile homes, you move, located in Dallas, N.C. 704-922-8167, 10 am-8 pm only.

**No** longer roadworthy utility trailer w/tilt bed, \$75 firm; Twin-Sonic W3-71, red & white, \$100. "Scotch" at 704-923-0700.

'01 lakefront Montana camper w/12x40 deck at Lake James Landing, Marion, N.C. - fire pit, nice yard & golf cart, storage bldg., \$26,000, also, '05 fishing deck boat by Tracker, used very little, garage-kept, total package for \$43,000. 828-289-4531 or 828-289-5491.

**Fescue** hay - large square bales, kept dry in barn, summer '09 cutting, Cleveland County, \$4/bale; Frigidaire gas range, white, bottom broiler, good cond., \$50. 704-538-7960.

**New**, men's sz. 8.5, Carolina steel toe work boots - insulated & waterproof, \$80 OBO, pd. \$125. 704-435-8982.

**13** square bales of hay; some big poplar trees. 828-437-7685.

**Chevy** S10 PU - low mileage, good body, \$4,000; oak dining rm. set, 6 chairs, \$300. 704-629-2612.

**Kubota** BX2230, 4WD diesel tractor - 3-pt. hitch w/hydrostatic trans., front end loader & 60" belly mower, also has ROPS (roll over protection system) & low hrs., bought new in '06. 704-471-0097.

**Assorted** wrenches & tools - make offer; old 1941 Briggs & Stratton ZZ military engine/ generator, 120V, complete, \$250 firm; two 15 cubic inch, vertical shaft lawn mower engines, complete, \$15 ea.; engine only, '89 Ford 3.0L V6 engine, complete, runs good, \$150; harmonic crankshaft balancer & removal tool for a '92 Mitsubishi Diamante 3.0L, \$75. 828-287-8034.

**2** cruise tickets to the Bahamas - \$400. Gina at 704-854-8709.

'04 Buick LeSabre Custom - V6, FWD, only 34,500 mi., priced below BB value, \$8,500 cash.

828-433-8401.

**New** (never used) Hayward S220T 22" sand filter for inground pools, \$250. 704-675-8214.

**Original** '48 Chev. 1-1/2-ton truck - restored, exc. cond., must see to appreciate, \$7,000. 704-867-9763.

**Hay** - '09 spring cutting of fescue & orchard grass, sq. bales out of barn, \$4 ea. or take 100 or more at \$3.50 ea., also sheltered round bales at \$35 ea.; seasoned firewood, all hardwood, \$35/short bed PU load, \$50/long bed PU load, Bessemer City, N.C. 704-860-2842 or 704-435-5688.

**50-gal.** aquarium w/large wooden cabinet & all equipment, includes large Oscar, \$100. 828-879-3297.

**Solid** brown fabric sofa - never been sat on, just like new, \$350. 704-538-8912 or 704-538-7615.

**2** beautiful lots in Garden of Time section of Gaston Memorial Pk., Gastonia, N.C. - only available through private ownership sale & are not avail. to the public, \$2,500 for both. 704-629-9140.

'05 Flagstaff Forest River, 30' 5th wheel travel trailer - great cond., 1 slide, rear kitchen, queen-sz. bed, \$24,000. 828-438-5021.

**Siberian** husky pups - AKC-reg., blue eyes, 6 wks. old 12-16-09; Yorkiepoo pups, AKC-reg., 6 wks. old 12-29-09. 704-923-5834.

**Sports** jackets - Miami Dolphins, \$60; San Fran. 49ers, \$40; Carolina Panthers, \$60; Phil. Eagles, \$60; Rusty Wallace racing jacket, \$50. All jackets are XL and like new. 828-584-6418.

**Allis-Chalmers** WD45 gas tractor - runs great, PTO does not work, also International 240 tractor w/quick hitch, runs great, new recovered seat & fresh oil change, \$2,200 for both; Ford Dexta diesel, new rebuilt injectors, \$1,500 OBO. 828-584-9977 or 828-448-0209.

'98 black Mitsubishi Sport LS - needs engine repair or new eng., \$2,300 OBO. 704-964-2374 or 704-730-9726.

**Dining** room table - solid oak, medium to dark wood grain, mint cond., use as a 4' round table or has two 10" leaves for extension, decorative legs, \$80. 704-922-7438.

**Sony** 43" rear projection TV - includes matching stand w/glass doors, picture perfect w/low hours, \$400 OBO. 828-288-1078.

'88 Capri Bayliner boat - 5.0L engine, nice fixer-upper, must sell, \$950 w/trailer. 828-442-8779.

**New** spruce boards - painted & non-painted, call for sizes/prices; 4 new, almond vinyl windows, 31-3/4x37-1/4, \$300; new, small, tailgate charcoal grills, \$10 ea.; two 270-gal. oil drums w/legs, \$65 ea.; two 6x6x12 & two 6x6x8 treated posts, \$22 & \$15 ea.; small pet taxi, \$10; used office chair, black, \$20. 828-413-5329.

**Baby**/butcher pigs. Gary at 704-854-8709.

'99 Dodge Durango SLT - RWD, 5.2L V8, 66,600 mi., orig. owner, very clean, extras all factory, \$5,595 cash. 828-433-8401.

**Racing** kart - '98 Stryker frame, cherry red, 5-HP Briggs & Stratton eng., custom made for grandson & was only used 1 summer, runs great, stored inside garage, comes w/cart for transporting, tools, helmet, etc., \$700. 704-629-9140.

**Engine & transmission only** - '79 Dodge truck 440 eng. & trans., 30,000 orig. miles, \$800 OBO; '96 Range Rover, new valve job & milled heads, runs great, mag wheels, good tires, all power, sunroof, off-road gear, tan leather, \$4,000 OBO; '89 Ford F150 4WD pickup, gray color, new timing gear/chain & cover, new water pump, bed liner, no rust, \$2,500 OBO; '89 Ford E350 diesel, ex-U-Haul 14' van w/loading ramp, new tires, \$4,000 OBO. 828-287-8034.

**Grave plot w/vault** in Old Rugged Cross section of Forest Lawn Cemetery, Lincolnton, N.C. - \$1,200. 704-735-4219, Mon.-Fri., 9 am-5 pm.

**Galaxy portable massage table** - burgundy, holds

up to 650 lbs., \$300. 828-652-9481 aft. 12 noon.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**For Sale or Trade:** '51 Ford sedan shoebox & '57 Dodge truck - will sell or trade for a Ford tractor w/front end loader or a dump truck. 828-403-8236.

**For Sale or Trade:** '75 Ford F350 (not a car or truck) - 11-1/2' steel bed (not a dump bed), runs good, \$1,800. 828-413-5329.

**For Rent:** 8-acre hayfield in Burke County. 828-437-7685.

**For Rent:** Farmhouse in George Hildebran Elem. School area, Vale, N.C. - 3 BRs, 1 BA, central

heat/air, 2-car detached garage, utility rm., porch, orchard, garden area, great neighbors, quiet, references required, \$725/mo. 615-400-7797.

**For Rent:** 2-BR, 1-BA mob. home in Lincolnton, N.C. - \$200/mo. or \$50/wk. 704-732-0771.

## WANTED

**Used** 16 or 20-disc light harrow reasonably priced. 704-732-1790.

**Kerosene heater** - vented. 704-922-7160.

**Young** female Yorkiepoo puppy - color does not matter. 704-865-0408 or 704-813-2681.

**AKC-reg.** male Toy Poodle under 5 lbs. 704-923-5834.

## School Bus Safety for your Kids

For millions of students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. Unfortunately, many children are injured and several are killed each year in school bus incidents.

Although drivers of all vehicles are required to stop for a school bus when it is stopped to load or unload passengers, children should not rely on them to do so. The National Safety Council encourages parents to teach their children these rules for getting on and off the school bus.

### Getting on the school bus

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic.
- Do not stray into streets, alleys or private property.
- Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.
- Use the handrail when stepping onto the bus.

### Getting off the school bus

- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least 10 feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road until you can turn around and see the driver.
- Make sure that the driver can see you.
- Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to cross.
- When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.
- Do not cross the centerline of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe for you to begin walking.
- Stay away from the wheels of the bus at all times.

### Crossing the street

- Children should always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing. They should continue looking in this manner until they are safely across the street.

*Source: National Safety Council*

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## Win a Trip to Washington, D.C. Three Rutherford EMC Juniors To Win Youth Tour Trip

Rutherford EMC will send three lucky students on the trip of a lifetime this summer. The Rural Electric Youth Tour, held in Washington, D.C., typically hosts more than 1,500 high school students from across the country. A winner and an alternate will be chosen from each of Rutherford EMC's three operating districts in early March to represent the cooperative on the tour.

In just five days, the students will get to see the Smithsonian Institute, Arlington National Cemetery, The Newseum (the world's most interactive museum), Mount Vernon, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial and more! The students will spend a day on Capitol Hill and meet their elected officials. This expense-paid week is coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC).

### Following are the contest rules:

1. Eligible to apply are high school juniors who live in a year-round home served by Rutherford EMC or whose parents/guardians own a business served by Rutherford EMC. Children of Rutherford EMC's directors or employees are not eligible.
2. Contestants will be required to fill out an application, including an explanation of 50 words or less why they would like to go on the Youth Tour. They are also required to perform a simple energy inspection of their home. Deadline for completed entries is February 19, 2010.
3. Each finalist will be interviewed by a panel of judges during the second week of March. Winners will be selected and notified at this time. A first-place winner and alternate will be picked from each of the co-op's three operating districts. (Alternates go on the tour if first-place winners are unable to attend.) Selection of Youth Tour winners is based on the application, home energy inspection, extracurricular activities, scholastic standing, and a personal interview.
4. Tour activities begin on Saturday, June 12, with a banquet for participants and their parents in Raleigh. It ends the following Friday, June 18, with the return trip to Raleigh. Rutherford EMC bears all expenses for tour participants except spending money.
5. Youth Tourists are also eligible to apply for the \$2,500 Gwyn B. Price Scholarship and the \$2,000 Katie Bunch Memorial Scholarship. In addition, they will be eligible to compete to serve on the Youth Leadership Council. The Youth Leadership Council representative will receive a \$2,000 college scholarship upon completion of his/her responsibilities.

For more information, complete the sign-up card enclosed with your January 2010 billing statement or the clip-out coupon and return to: Rutherford Electric

Membership Corporation, Attn: Youth Tour Coordinator, PO Box 1569, Forest City, NC, 28043-1569. You may also submit your request by going to Rutherford EMC's Web site at [www.remc.com](http://www.remc.com), or by calling Denise Gavin at 1-800-521-0920, ext. 417. Please submit your request for more information on entering the contest by Feb. 12. Remember—deadline for completed entries is February 19, 2010.

For additional information about the Rural Electric Youth Tour, visit [NCElectricCooperatives.com](http://NCElectricCooperatives.com) and [YouthTour.coop](http://YouthTour.coop) to get highlights from the 2009 tour. You can also join our Facebook page by searching for North Carolina Youth Tour on Facebook.com.



### Youth Tour Trip ENTRY FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## 2009 Service Awards Total 910 Years

Rutherford EMC recently recognized two directors and 45 employees for their service, which totals 910 years. Directors and employees with 30 years or more of service received a plaque, and those with less than 30 years received a certificate based on five-year intervals.

Following are service award recipients who received plaques for their years of service:

#### Rutherford-Polk District

Rebecca Brackett, 35

#### Burke-McDowell District

Joseph Quinn (director), 45  
Donald Carswell, 40

#### Lincoln-Gaston District

Tom Martin, 35  
Keith Spake, 30

Following are service award recipients who received certificates for their years of service:

#### Rutherford-Polk District

David Beam, Karen Black, Dirk Burleson,  
Thomas Conner, Annie Craig, Sarah Reep,  
Marty Suttle and Barry Wright, 25  
Kenny Barker, Lisa Logan and  
Christee Lovelace, 20

Chad Bailey and Jud Wortman, 10

Keith Costner, Chris Ferguson and Pam Liverett, 5

#### Burke-McDowell District

Tom Fullwood, Robert Rector  
and Randy Stamey, 25  
James Greene, 20  
Jim Davis, 10

#### Lincoln-Gaston District

Charles Allsbrooks, Alan Anthony, Connie Barger,  
Dennis Davis, Ronnie Lail and Dell Moody, 25  
Carol Ballance, Mike Earl and  
Robby Eurey (director), 20  
Dennis Hix, Gwen Lovelace and Chris Walker, 15  
Derick Fisher, Marty Houser, Danny Ledford,  
Shane Richard and Jamie Williams, 10  
Wes Ingle, Chad McGinnis, Norm Neal  
and Eric Wright, 5

*Congratulations to  
all our service  
award recipients!*