

Snapping Shoals EMC Illuminator

A Monthly Newsletter for Snapping Shoals EMC Members

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SSEMC Makes Going Solar Easy

Solar blocks available for \$20 each per month

Are you interested in solar power but don't want to put panels on your roof? Perhaps your homeowner's association has restrictions against solar panels, or maybe you rent and your landlord won't allow you to install solar panels.

Our 2.7 AC megawatt Cooperative Solar project is the perfect solution for those looking to invest in solar energy. The facility gives residential members the ability to purchase one-kilowatt blocks of solar electricity for \$20 each per month. There is no upfront cost, no long-term lease, no maintenance and no contract — solar made simple.

Kilowatt-hours produced offset the same number of kilowatt-hours on each participant's monthly bill. Each block will receive 1/2,700th of the output of the project and is expected to produce between 135 and 195 kilowatt-hours of solar energy monthly. Each residential member may now purchase up to 4 blocks. 4480221

Energy output will vary due to the sun's angle, the time of year, the



SNAPPING SHOALS EMC
COOPERATIVE SOLAR

Advantages of SSEMC's Cooperative Solar

- No maintenance hassles
- No red tape with zoning restrictions or homeowners' associations
- No holes or modifications to your roof to accommodate solar equipment
- No long-term contract
- Perfect solution for renters who want to be involved with renewable energy
- Solar energy will be allocated to your electric bill on a monthly basis

number of cloudy days in the month and other factors.

You can view information on SSEMC's Cooperative Solar project at www.ssemc.com/solar.

The page shows the monthly cumulative amount of energy produced by the co-op's facility and shows the demand being generated in real time with current weather conditions. 4520653

To sign up for your own solar blocks, call us at 770-786-3484. There is no upfront cost, no long-term lease, no maintenance and no contract. You can discontinue your solar energy commitment at any time by notifying us. If you leave the program, Snapping Shoals EMC cannot guarantee there will be availability if you decide to rejoin. Requests to rejoin may only be granted 18 months after previous cancellations.

Applications Available for 2019 Scholarships

Applications are now available for the 2019 Snapping Shoals scholarships. Forms are available online at www.ssemc.com. Full details, instructions, deadlines and eligibility requirements for each scholarship are included with the application forms.

J.E. Robinson Memorial Scholarships are currently worth \$2,500 each and are awarded to 14 high school seniors. Academic ability and financial need are the primary considerations.

The All-Around Student Scholarships are aimed at recognizing those students who go above and beyond in their extracurricular activities. We will award a total of eight \$2,500 All-Around Student scholarships to high school seniors in 2019. 2328243

The Walter Harrison Scholarship program is coordinated by Georgia EMC. To apply through Snapping Shoals, you must either live in the household of or be a Snapping Shoals EMC member. Walter Harrison Scholarships are each worth \$1,000.



Security Lighting Helps Keep Your Family Safe

Snapping Shoals EMC offers a variety of outdoor lighting choices to meet residential, commercial and industrial needs. Call 770-786-3484 to see which option is right for you and receive the first three months free when you sign up.

Co-op Sending Three Teens to D.C. for 2019 Washington Youth Tour



Snapping Shoals EMC is currently accepting applications for the 2019 Washington Youth Tour, one of the nation's oldest leadership programs for teens. The Washington Youth Tour was inspired by former president Lyndon Johnson who in 1965 encouraged electric cooperatives "to send youngsters to the nation's capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

The Tour offers students a personal lesson in U.S. history, provides competitions and contests to encourage leadership and teamwork, includes conversations with elected leaders on important subjects and current events, and gives the teens a better appreciation for community and public service. Many Youth Tour alumni have gone on to serve as elected officials – or served in leadership positions with some of the most prof-

itable, innovative and highly respected companies in the world.

Scheduled this year from June 6-13, the Youth Tour kicks-off in Atlanta with a banquet for EMC representatives, chaperones, students and families before departing for Washington D.C. where they will join more than 1,600 of their peers from around the country. Among many highlights in the Nation's Capital, participants will visit historic landmarks including Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Museum, Mount Vernon, Supreme Court, Capitol, Washington Monument, and the MLK, FDR, Jefferson, World War II, and Lincoln memorials.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. To apply, download an application at www.ssemc.com. Applicants must be either a high school sophomore or junior and be at least 16 years old by June 6, 2019. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2019. 2309607



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If your Snapping Shoals EMC account number is hidden in this issue of The Illuminator, call us at 770-786-3484 within the next month and you could win a \$50 credit on your bill.

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Winter Rates in Effect November 1

Beginning November 1, your electric energy use will be billed on our winter rates. Winter rates are effective from November through April, and summer rates are billed from May through October. In areas such as ours where summers are hot, the peak demand for electricity occurs during the months when air conditioners are working hard to keep everybody cool. The higher demand for electricity on hot summer days makes the cost of providing power greater during the summer, and that is reflected in our rate structure.

SSEM RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC RATES

Summer
(May through October)
Base Charge: \$28.00 per month
First 1,000 kwh: 8.53¢ per kwh
Over 1,000 kwh: 11.52¢ per kwh

Winter
(November through April)
Base Charge: \$28.00 per month
First 1,000 kwh: 8.20¢ per kwh
Over 1,000 kwh: 7.95¢ per kwh

Round Up Program Helps Community

Operation Round Up offers a way for our members to help neighbors in need for what generally amounts to small change – whatever it takes to round up their power bill to the next dollar. Contributions range from a penny to 99 cents per month, an average of just \$6 a year.

But when all those pennies and nickels and dimes are added together, it's truly amazing how much good they can do.

June 2018

Individual assistance total: **\$18,711.42**

Organizational Grant Recipients:

- Camp Trach Me Away (metro) — \$4334
- Hands of Hope (Henry) — \$7500
- Operation Appreciation (metro) — \$7000
- Ser Familia (metro) — \$5000
- Shoes For God's Children (Butts) — \$2000

AUGUST 2018

Individual assistance total: **\$24,478.05**

Organizational Grant Recipients:



The funds are used to help qualifying charitable/community organizations with specific needs that they have or to directly help people in need of assistance with household or living expenses; home repairs or equipment; and medical or health needs.

The funds approved at the most recent Operation Round Up meetings are listed below. 4525840

- Building Strong Futures (Newton) - \$1,500
- A Child's Voice (Walton) - \$6,000
- Community Arts Association (Newton) - \$2,000
- Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance (Rockdale) – \$5,000
- Haven House (Henry) — \$2,000
- Newton County Special Olympics – \$2,500
- Prevent Child Abuse Rockdale - \$5,000
- Project Linus (Henry) – \$1,000
- Samaritans Together of Henry County - \$7,500
- Variety Children's Charity of Ga. (metro) – \$2,000