

# DISCOVERING SOUTH KENTUCKY

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## SKRECC Membership Day

South Kentucky RECC celebrated its membership June 10 by hosting Membership Day. Members were able to safely drive through at their local offices in Albany, Jamestown, Monticello, Somerset and Whitley City to register, and keeping with tradition, employees handed out buckets and LED lightbulbs to all registering members.

South Kentucky RECC employees registered almost 5,000 members during the event.

Ken Simmons, president & CEO, says, "Our employees always enjoy the opportunity to visit with our members, and we appreciate their support. Lots of smiles could be seen throughout the day and even a little rain couldn't keep us from being able to give back in a small way. I especially enjoyed the opportunity to meet members at our district offices and want to emphasize how grateful we are to have such wonderful members."

Members registered for a number of prizes, including the grand prize—a



Paul Roberts, Windsor, is the grand prize winner of a 2011 Ford Ranger. Photo: Alan Coffey

2011 Ford Ranger 4x4 pickup truck. Paul Roberts from Windsor won the truck.

South Kentucky RECC also gave away a smart thermostat to a lucky winner: Sandra Lakes, Somerset.

Each office gave a TCL 55" 4K UHD HDR Roku Smart TV, HD touchscreen Chromebook and a Hart 40-volt cordless 12" string trimmer and blower combo. (See box below with each office's winners.)

**Albany**  
**Monticello**  
**Jamestown**  
**Somerset**  
**Whitley City**

### TELEVISION

Patricia Stearns  
Peggy Broughton  
Regina Wright  
William Vaught  
Charles Cole

### CHROMEBOOK

Service Industry of Albany  
Tyler Ray  
Gary Jump  
Parkers Mill Road Baptist Mission  
Willa Hendrickson

### TRIMMER/BLOWER

Danny Craft  
Arlin Tucker  
David Rings  
Friendship Church  
Betty Yancey

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The winner of the smart thermostat is Sandra Lakes, Somerset. Photo: Alan Coffey



South Kentucky RECC District 6 Director Boris Haynes helps hand out buckets at the Whitley City office. Photo: Brian Taylor



Each South Kentucky RECC office had several employees handling member registration. SKRECC cashier Trish Marr, left, and service center representative Jamie Burton were among those assisting in Somerset. Photo: Alan Coffey



The lines were steady, and members were able to register efficiently and get through quickly. Photo: David Upchurch





South Kentucky RECC proudly displays the U.S. flag at Membership Day in Somerset. Photo: Morghan Blevins



It's always a treat for SKRECC employees to get to interact with members. Service technician John Jones greets members and hands out buckets. Photo: Joy Bullock

## South Kentucky RECC renewable power resources and options

**M**ore people are investing in solar energy than ever before.

For South Kentucky RECC members with a net metered system already installed, we have a workbook to track the amount of power that the panels produce and how much energy you are using. Get a copy of our *Net Metering Workbook* at [www.togetherwesaveKY.com](http://www.togetherwesaveKY.com) or stop by to see us for a copy.

Before installing solar panels on your home, please take a look at these two great affordable options offered by SKRECC:

**1 Cooperative Solar:** For a one-time fee of \$460, you get a 25-year license for a single solar panel, located at our 60-acre solar farm near Winchester. Each panel produces between 23 and 50 kilowatt-hours of solar energy monthly, and you can license as many panels as you need to offset your annual usage. Every month, the energy output of your licensed panels is credited to your bill. Learn more at [www.cooperativesolar.com](http://www.cooperativesolar.com).

**2 Envirowatts:** Did you know you can select energy generated from environmentally friendly



South Kentucky RECC offers solar power to members from its solar farm near Winchester. Photo: Tim Webb

solar, wind, biomass and/or hydro sources for as little as \$2.75 monthly. Learn more at [www.envirowattsky.com](http://www.envirowattsky.com).

If you have questions, call us at (800) 264-5112. South Kentucky RECC is your trusted energy advisor!

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# Avoid power lines when flying kites or drones

**W**ith summer in full swing, remember to use caution near electrical equipment as you explore the great outdoors. If you are flying a kite or drone, always remember the importance of safety.

Flying kites or drones near power lines can be dangerous and could disrupt electrical service to fellow members and businesses.

If the wind pushes your kite near a power line or electrical facility, let go of it. Your safety is never worth chasing a kite into a dangerous environment. Keep your kite in an open area far away from electric equipment.

Never fly kites using wire, metallic thread or wire-reinforced string. Use paper, plastic or wood to build a kite, and only fly during dry weather. Children should always have adult supervision when flying kites.

Flying a drone near a power line may affect your drone's signal, causing it to fly into the line. Remember, dark and windy conditions are bad for safe flight.



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Check local laws before flying a drone near power lines, power plants, substations and other electrical equipment. Flying a drone near electric infrastructure may violate local laws.

If you are operating a drone that contacts and gets caught in a power line, call your local electric co-op right way and don't try to remove it yourself.

South Kentucky RECC wants you to stay safe—always!

**The offices of South Kentucky RECC will be CLOSED on Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day.**



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**Our offices may be closed, but our service never stops.**

Our members don't have to worry. If you have an outage or an issue, South Kentucky RECC employees will be at work as soon as possible!

Call your local office or (800) 264-5112 if you have an emergency or outage.

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