

# THE MPPD MINUTE



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## 2025 FREE Youth Energy Leadership Camp

Each year McCook Public Power District accepts applications from area high school students to attend the NREA Youth Energy Leadership Camp. This year's camp will be held at Camp Comeca in Cozad, NE (July 21—July 25). This camp offers educational and recreational experiences. Through workshops campers learn the legislative process, electric power generation, and careers in the rural electric program. The campers will also take a tour of NPPD's Gerald Gentleman Power Station near North Platte and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Generating Station at Lake McConaughy. Along with educational experiences, there will also be swimming, sports activities, a talent show, and a dance.

High school students who are currently in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> grade and whose home and/or farm is served by McCook Public Power District are eligible to attend camp. Students who are interested in attending camp need to fill out the Youth Energy Leadership Camp form and return to MPPD no later than May 1st. Forms can be picked up at the MPPD office or visit our website at <https://www.mppdonline.com> to download a form. For questions or more information please contact Becky Siebrandt at 308-345-2500.

### BISON DAYS

MPPD had the privilege of participating in Bison Days again this year. Students saw firsthand the effects of electricity and how to stay safe. Students were also introduced to the career opportunities in the public power industry.

*Pictured right: Vince Mashek tries to cut through #4 Aluminum conductor steel reinforce cable wearing 20 KV gloves specific for high voltage use.*



*MPPD linemen use a hot dog to demonstrate what happens when a person comes in contact with a high voltage line. Hot dog replicates human flesh.*



*Students had the opportunity to take a ride in a bucket truck and climb a pole.*

### POLE INSPECTIONS

SBS Inspections will begin inspecting MPPD poles late winter/early spring. They will be in the Wellfleet/Maywood area. MPPD signs will be displayed on the pickups and 4 wheelers may be used when conducting the inspections. Please call our office with questions 308-345-2500.

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