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Chugach celebrates National Co-op Month

Chugach is celebrating National Cooperative Month in October. There are more than 40,000 co-ops in the U.S. alone. All are guided by the same set of Seven Cooperative Principles.

1. Voluntary and Open Membership
2. Democratic Control
3. Members' Economic Participation
4. Autonomy & Independence
5. Education, Training, & Information
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community

As a member you are a part-owner of Chugach. You can vote for the board of directors, and you also receive a share of margins (or profits as other businesses call them) that are returned once the board approves a capital credits retirement.

Chugach incorporated in 1948 and has grown from nine



members to a membership of more than 68,000. The fee to become a member in 1948 was \$5, the same as it is today.

Tree time at Bayshore Elementary School

IN THE COMMUNITY

In an annual event held each fall in Anchorage, Chugach Electric partnered with Carlos Tree Service and planted a new tree at Bayshore Elementary School in mid-September. Chugach is a Tree Line USA utility, a program through the Arbor Day Foundation which demonstrates how trees and utilities work together to benefit communities and citizens. Each year, Carlos Tree Service, on behalf of Chugach, selects a school to receive a tree. This year, the 1st graders at Bayshore Elementary were excited to watch the new maple tree get planted in front of their school. Utilities meeting the Tree Line USA requirements are publicly recognized for their contribution to better community forests. For more information, go to <https://www.arborday.org/programs/treelineusa>.



Utilities help students learn how to be energy efficient

Over 2,000 students statewide will learn about energy efficiency in October as part of the Power Pledge Challenge. Chugach is among a number of utilities and organizations from Mat-Su, Anchorage, the Kenai Peninsula, and Juneau hosting the challenge as part of Energy Awareness Month. As part of the challenge, students complete a hands-on activity using the AK EnergySmart curriculum, learn how to calculate their energy usage, and learn ways to reduce energy use at home. They then conduct an online home energy audit with their families to identify specific actions they can take to use energy more efficiently. {1106952}

Over the past five years, the challenge has grown from 700 students in Anchorage to more than 2,200 throughout the state, competing for regional and statewide prizes. Each region will award one class with a pizza party with a special guest and/or power plant tour. The statewide "grand" prize is a pizza party and \$1,200 worth of energy-related classroom supplies.



Photos courtesy of Tim Leach

Power Pledge Challenge kicking-off at Palmer Jr. Middle School

Educators in Anchorage interested in the presentation, please contact Kate Ayers at kate_ayers@chugachelectric.com.

Fall and winter energy-saving tips

Simple and inexpensive actions can help you save energy and money during the cool fall and winter months.

Take advantage of heat from the sun

- Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

Adjust the temperature

- When you are home and awake, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable.
- When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat down 10-15 degrees.

Maintain your heating systems

- Schedule service for your heating system
- Replace furnace filters once a month or as needed.

Lower water heating costs

- Water heating accounts for about 18 percent of the energy consumed in your home.
- Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F). You'll not only save energy, you'll avoid potentially hurting yourself.

For more energy-saving tips, visit <https://energy.gov/energysaver/> energy-saver.



Volunteers Needed!



Chugach is looking for members to serve on its Annual Meeting committees. A successful meeting depends upon volunteers who staff the Nominating, Bylaws, and Election committees. The next Annual Meeting is Tuesday, May 22, 2018. For more

information call 762-4177, or visit Chugach's website at www.chugachelectric.com/media/annual-meeting. Applications are due Oct. 27, 2017.

Use a microwave instead of the stove to save energy. Microwave ovens use around 50% less energy than conventional ovens do.



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Find your member number (in brackets) in the Outlet and get a \$100 credit on your electric bill. Call Chugach's service center at 563-7366 to claim your prize.