



The Sawnee Highliner

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Set Your Programmable Thermostat to “Save” Today!



With a programmable thermostat, you can stay comfortable and save energy - without lifting a finger! A programmable thermostat adjusts the temperature according to a preset schedule, so in the summer, your house uses less energy during the day while you're at work, yet it is cool when you get home.

Some thermostats allow you to set different schedules for each day of the week, while others offer programming for weekdays and weekends. Remember, if you have a heat pump...you need a thermostat that is specifically designed for a heat pump.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, you can reduce your annual heating and cooling expenses between 5 to 15 percent by turning your thermostat down or up (based on the season) at least 8 degrees for at least 8 hours a day.

Below are some tips for the most efficient use of your programmable thermostat:

-Once the settings on your thermostat are working for you, leave the thermostat alone. If you get home early, just change the temperature and the thermostat will go back to its regular setting at the next period.

-Use the "Vacation" or "Hold" setting when you're planning to be away for an extended period.

-Change the batteries at least once a year. Most thermostats run on low-voltage power with a battery backup, but if the batteries are not working and your power goes out, your thermostat will lose its programming.

-Don't forget to check your thermostat regularly. Some thermostats have indicators that show when it's time to change air filters or batteries.

Don't forget...if you have a manual thermostat and purchase a new Energy Star thermostat, Sawnee EMC will give a rebate of 1/2 of the cost, up to \$25. Please visit our Energy Center online at www.sawnee.com/energy for additional details. Questions? Contact a member of our Energy Services Department at 770-887-2363 or via email at marketing@sawnee.com.

How do I set my programmable thermostat?
Below is an example of how you could set your programmable thermostat to save during the week:

PERIOD	TIME	SUMMER	WINTER
WAKE	6:00 a.m.	78°F	68°F
DAY	8:00 a.m.	85°F	60°F
EVENING	6:00 p.m.	78°F	68°F
SLEEP	10:00 p.m.	82°F	60°F

Sawnee EMC Foundation Announces 2010 Youth Scholarship Winners



In 2003, Sawnee EMC established a non-profit, 501-c-3 charitable organization known as the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation to assist local charitable organizations throughout its seven (7) county service area. Currently, over 22,000 Sawnee EMC members choose to voluntarily "round-up" their monthly energy bill to the next highest dollar to support local charities each month. Since its inception in 2003, the Foundation has given back over \$800,000 locally to those that are in need.



In 2006, the Foundation developed the "youth scholarship" program to support local high school students seeking to continue their education. The Board of Directors of the Foundation approved the 2010 youth scholarship awards and selected twelve (12) students who will each receive a \$3,500 scholarship. The recipients of the 2010 Sawnee Foundation Youth Scholarship are:

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| • Ms. Julia Odum
Sequoyah High School | • Mr. Vincent Bai
Chattahoochee High School |
| • Ms. Jessica Abe
Dawson County High School | • Ms. Margaret Hrushka
Chattahoochee High School |
| • Mr. Cole Earnest
South Forsyth High School | • Mr. Kunal Puri
Chattahoochee High School |
| • Ms. Taylor Godfrey
West Forsyth High School | • Ms. Ishwarya Venkatachalam
Northview High School |
| • Mr. Chris Rush
North Forsyth High School | • Mr. Jay Michal
Forsyth Central High School |
| • Mr. Joey Youngo
South Forsyth High School | • Mr. Zachary Schneiderman
Chattahoochee High School |

If you have a rising high school senior and would like information about the Foundation's 2011 scholarships it can be found online at www.sawnee.com/round_up. Questions about this program or the Sawnee Foundation can be directed to Mrs. Cindy Badgett, Director of External Affairs for Sawnee EMC at 678-455-1539 or via email at cindy.badgett@sawnee.com.

Committee on Nominations for the Board of Directors

Sawnee EMC is a cooperative governed by its bylaws, its charter, the laws of the State of Georgia and the rules and regulations established by its Board of Directors. The election of "member representatives" to serve on the Board of Directors of Sawnee EMC is an important role and activity of the membership. Keep reading to learn of the events that are to occur in 2010 in this area.

Located on our Web site, at www.sawnee.com, is a list of information and downloadable documents that relate to the director elections for 2010. There you will find a copy of the Bylaws of the Corporation that can be downloaded along with many other useful items for those interested in this year's director election activity.

The Committee on Nominations, which serves an important role in the affairs of the Cooperative, will soon be appointed by the Board of Directors. This Committee will receive

input from the membership and determine the name(s) it will place before the membership from those members who wish to seek election to the office of Director for those terms expiring in 2010. For 2010, three (3) directors of Sawnee's Board in

Districts No. 2, No. 7 and No. 9 have terms that are expiring.

The Bylaws of the Corporation in Article IV Sections 4.02, 4.04, 4.05 and 4.09 outlines the director election process, specifically as it relates to the Committee on Nominations, and provide for a separate process, outside of the Committee, known as the "Petition Process". Additionally, the Bylaws describe the general powers of the directors.

If you have additional questions, please contact the office of the President and Chief Executive Officer by calling 770-887-2363, ext. 7321, or 1-800-635-9131, ext. 7321 or via email at kristi.sheriff@sawnee.com.

IT'S "NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY" MONTH



May is "National Electrical Safety" month, and even though electricity is traditionally a very safe energy source, we sometimes forget how dangerous it has the potential to be when not used with the proper safeguards.

Sawnee EMC would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some simple tips to follow to help keep you and your family safe when using electricity.

-No one can determine if a downed electric wire is energized

simply by looking at it. So, whenever you are near any downed electric wires, you must treat them as if they are energized and potentially dangerous.

-Low voltage electric cords should not be warm to the touch when in use and should show no signs of wear or damage.

-Never use objects near overhead lines - power or otherwise.

-Never climb trees that have power lines running near the tree limbs.

-Do not play on or near underground transformer or pad mounted enclosures.

Remember, it takes just a few simple steps to keep your family safe around electricity. Following these and other basic safety rules should help keep you safe all year! Questions? Call our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363 or via email at customerservice@sawnee.com.



Quotable Quote

"In business, willingness is just as important as ability."

Paul G. Hoffman

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Notice of 2009 Patronage Capital Assignments

Sawnee Electric Membership Corporation is a non-profit organization and as such our Bylaws require us to set aside, for each member in each operating year, any funds in excess of operating costs and expenses in the form of "patronage capital" credits.

The "patronage capital" is used as equity to reduce the level of debt the Corporation would otherwise be required to assume and is invested in the assets of the Corporation which include poles, transformers and other physical plant items. The Corporation's policies currently allow for the retirement of patronage capital generally on a thirty-five (35) year rotation cycle, as well as upon retirement to estates of deceased members.

Based on the capital furnished (e.g. the total amount of your electric bills for 2009) by the members of the Corporation in 2009, these members will receive an allocation of patronage capital equaling 7.4005% of total revenue provide associated with the margins associates with Sawnee EMC operations and 1.1317 % of total revenue provided associated with margins that are assigned to us from associated organizations such as Smarr EMC, one of our power suppliers; GRESCO, one of our material suppliers; NRUCFC, one of our lending institutions, and others.

You can calculate your 2009 assigned "patronage capital" credits by multiplying the total amount of your electric bills for 2009 by the factors shown below (see examples):

Capital Credit Assignment

Assigned By:	Percentage	Annual Bill Amount		
		\$500	\$750	\$1000
Sawnee Electric Membership Corporation	7.4005%	\$37.00	\$55.50	\$74.01
Associated Margins	<u>1.1317%</u>	<u>\$5.66</u>	<u>\$8.49</u>	<u>\$11.32</u>
TOTAL	8.5322%	\$42.66	\$63.99	\$85.32

If you have questions about your 2009 patronage capital assignment, please contact our Customer Service Center at (770) 887-2363. Thank you for supporting your electric cooperative.

HERE'S WATTS COOKIN'

Apple Dumplings

- 2 apples
- 1 can crescent rolls
- 1 can Mountain Dew
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup Splenda



Peel, core and quarter apples. Roll each apple in a separate triangle crescent roll and arrange in a baking dish. Pour 8 oz. of Mountain Dew over apples. Mix remaining ingredients in a saucepan and heat until butter is melted and mixture comes to a boil. Pour over apple rolls and bake for 375 degrees for 30 minutes.

Thanks to Michelle Ramsey. Send us your recipe - if we print it, we'll credit your account \$5.00.