



Mt. Wheeler Power sends local young people to YES Camp each year.

### 5 EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives.

### 6 COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together.

### 7 CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities.



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**Seven Principles  
of an Electric Cooperative**

The **co-op** **cooperative**  
**Seven** **Principles**  
**sustainable** **together**

**Mt. Wheeler Power is an electric cooperative.**

In February 1970, a small group of people gathered, elected nine directors, hired an attorney and an experienced engineer and purchased both Ely Light and Power Co. and Eureka Light. Grown from the community, Mt. Wheeler Power is dedicated to seven fundamental cooperative principles:

**1 VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP**  
 Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership.

**2 DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL**  
 Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions.

**3 MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION**  
 Members contribute equitably to and democratically control the capital of their cooperative.



During storm restoration, electric cooperative crews from surrounding states arrive to help their neighbors in need.



Randy Ewell teaches board members about the Mt. Wheeler Power solar installation.

**4 AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE**  
 Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members.

community open **CO-OP** smart  
 autonomy  
**Cooperation**  
 power local  
 local control