

# CCNC NEWSLETTER

To Educate, Connect and  
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SUMMER 2021

## Cooperative news you can use

Read up on all the events, programs and trainings you, your staff and your board can participate in. The Cooperative Council of North Carolina is a diverse, cross-industry group of Cooperative professionals dedicated to educating, connecting and promoting the cooperative movement across the state.

Member industries include Electric, Credit Unions, Retail, Worker/Owner Co-ops, Insurance, Telecommunications, Agriculture, Co-op Supporting Organizations and non-cooperative associate members.

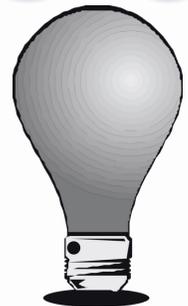
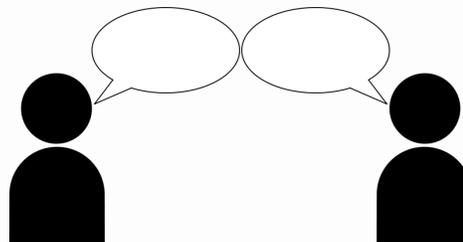
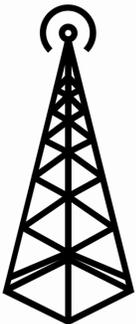
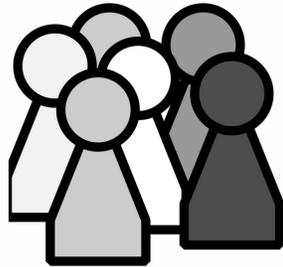
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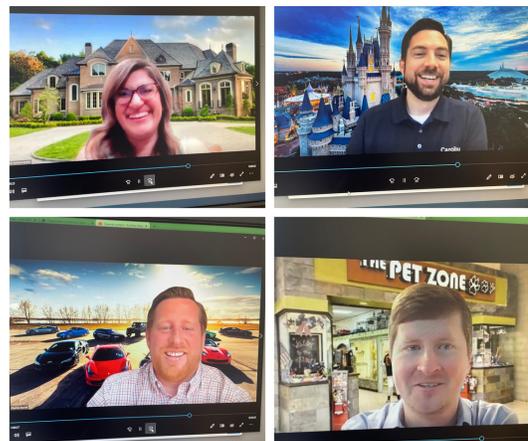
## Virtual Cooperative Leadership Camp (CLC) 2021

It was a great week to host our 2021 campers for Virtual Cooperative Leadership Camp. Even on Zoom and Discord, we had a fantastic time. The campers learned about Cooperatives and discovered different attributes of cooperatives sectors during an interactive virtual escape room activity. In order to “escape,” campers had to watch videos to detect clues and work in small groups to find answers to unlock solutions. Our group #3 (led by Sara P of **Coastal Credit Union** and Rachael B of **Piedmont EMC**) took first place as they were able to piece together the clues, solve the riddles and escape the cooperative room!

We played the Game of Life over zoom, which was a variation of the Reality of Money workshop provided by Coastal Credit Union. Adult volunteers from within the cooperative movement (shown below) were designated a Vendor Role and participated in full scene to sell life items that the campers will need as adults. Everyone had a blast!

CLC also provided a great opportunity for the campers to connect, meet new friends and share what they knew about cooperatives. The small groups learned about the Cooperative Principles and how they apply to the cooperative world. Each group was assigned a Principle and presented an information session at the end of the week to the other campers.

The campers also created the Worker/Owner t-shirt cooperative. Each camper was able to vote on all elements of the business — what the cooperative would be doing, how they would do it and the design of the t-shirt to be produced. Collectively, it was decided the cooperative would be named “The Cooperators Tee” with the slogan “We go the distance.” Check out the t-shirt design shown below.



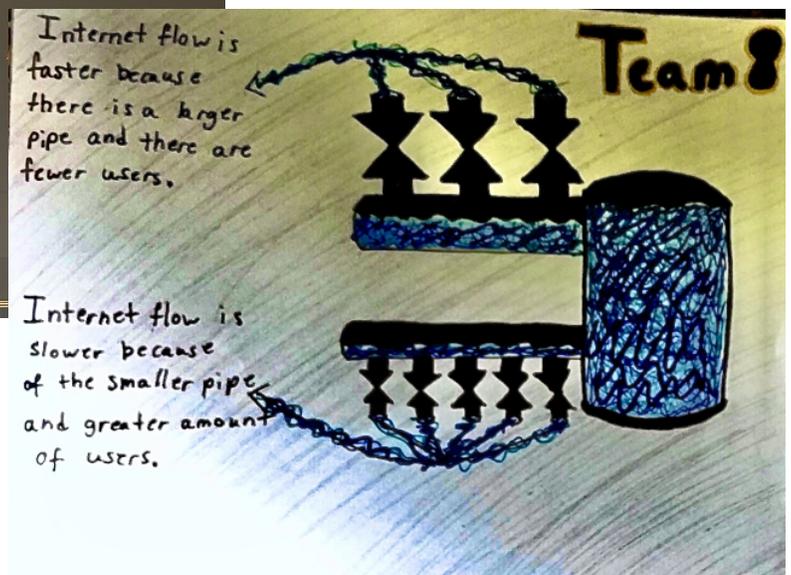
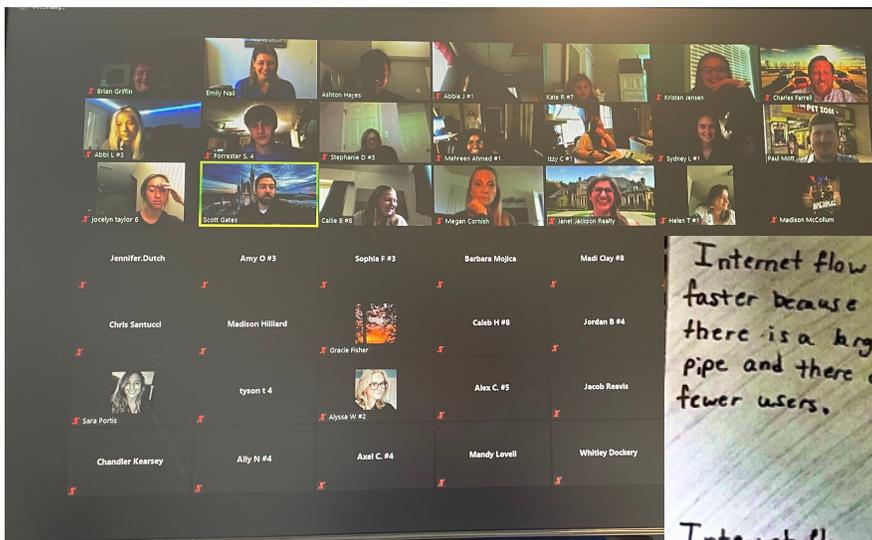
## More from Cooperative Leadership Camp...

A huge thank you goes out to our virtual workshop presenters and supporters from camp.

- Star Communications
- Weaver Street Market
- North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives
- Cabot Creamery Cooperative
- Central Electric

Camp could not have happened without our group of dedicated Cooperative professionals. Thank you to those that joined in for the week.

We also owe a huge thank you to those who sponsored our campers. Because of these sponsors, campers from across the state were able to join us and learn and grow in the cooperative movement. Several campers want to join us in person next year! We're excited to be able to offer even more content in 2022 to encourage cooperative leadership skills and knowledge. #CoopsNC



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## Cooperative Dynamics Workshop

Coming to our members **November 18th** is our annual Cooperative Dynamics Workshop. This workshop is geared towards new employees, newer board members and those that want to learn about the different aspects of the Cooperative Movement. We have lots of interaction, games, prizes and fun for those in attendance- even virtually!

Topics include:

- The Cooperative Principles
- Cooperative Business Model
- Types of Cooperative Ownership
- Cooperative Governance
- Starting a Cooperative
- Roles of the Board, Staff and Members
- Cooperative Impact



Registration will open online in August and is included in membership for members.

## CCNC Commitment to DEI and a new Committee!

Cooperatives believe we are stronger when a proactive effort is put forth to engage everyone in governance, management and representation. Our goal is to create a new committee focused on diversity, equity and inclusion that will engage in conversation on how to make our public and private systems work for everyone. Our DEI Committee is space to learn, grow and understand how the cooperative movement is applying the 8th Cooperative Principle in business and daily life. Let's learn from each other, share what we're doing and help each other improve our organizations.



Let us know if you'd like to participate as a member of our new DEI Committee!

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