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## **SECO wins two awards for community service**

Sumter Electric Cooperative (SECO) has won two distinct international "Communitas Awards" for the co-op's lead role in the Camp Boggy Creek Project in Lake County and for SECO's overall Commitment to Community. SECO won in the ***Company Sponsored Volunteer Project*** category and won in the most prestigious category in the competition, which was the ***Leadership in Community Service & Corporate Social Responsibility*** category.

Camp Boggy Creek is an internationally known camp for very seriously ill children. The Camp is the only multi-disease therapeutic camp program in Florida that provides medically supervised, recreational activities for children with chronic or life threatening illnesses.

SECO won the ***Company Sponsored Volunteer Project*** category because of the Co-op's leading role in making Camp Boggy Creek's 14 family cabins more energy efficient through duct repair, caulking, weather stripping, etc. In addition, a brand new 32 panel solar system was installed to heat the Camp's pool. The pool is used for recreation and for therapy and was being heated by expensive propane.

The ***Leadership in Community Service & Corporate Social Responsibility*** award was presented to SECO for its overall commitment to the communities it serves, the co-op's employee support for the many humanitarian needs in our various counties, SECO's support and participation in our local chambers and economic development organizations, the SECO Angel Fund activities, and much, much more. The judges were obviously very impressed with the depth and consistency of SECO's efforts on behalf of the people living in its service territory.

Communitas is Latin for people coming together for the good of the community. These awards are sponsored by the Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals and recognize exceptional businesses, organizations and individuals that are unselfishly giving of themselves and their resources and those that are changing how they do business to benefit their communities.

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