



# DMEA COOKS!

Featuring favorite recipes from our DMEA family

## Easy Sweet Potato Curry

Laura Sanders, Marketing & Communications Specialist



### Ingredients:

- 1/2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 medium white onion, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and cubed
- 2 tbsp yellow curry powder
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
- 3/4 tsp sea salt
- 3 c coconut milk

### Garnish:

- Cilantro leaves
- Squeeze of fresh lime

### Directions:

Sautee onion in olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Cook for a few minutes and then add garlic and stir. Season with 1/4 tsp each salt and pepper and stir.

Add sweet potatoes, curry powder, and cayenne pepper. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add coconut milk and cover.

Bring to a simmer and reduce heat to low. Simmer for 25 minutes more. Taste and adjust seasonings as needed. Puree using an immersion or regular blender. Transfer back to the pot if needed and keep heat on low until ready to serve.

Garnish with cilantro and a fresh lime juice. Serve over rice or quinoa.

## Best. Summer. Ever.

Designed just for high school students, Youth Tour takes teens out of their small communities for a weeklong adventure in Washington D.C. The participants get a deep dive into U.S. government, the cooperative industry, and a chance to explore all the museums, memorials, and monuments of Washington D.C. And the best, it's all FREE.

If you're looking for a summer adventure for your teen a little closer to home, check out DMEA's Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp—another weeklong adventure in the mountains near Steamboat Springs, CO. Here, campers dig into what makes co-ops tick by creating their very own cooperative business. Plus, they'll participate in hands-on leadership activities, raft the Little Colorado River, enjoy a day in Steamboat Springs, and tour a coal mine and power plant. And yes, this trip is FREE too.

Both summer adventures are a great opportunity for your teen to experience a world outside our local communities and build lifelong leadership skills.

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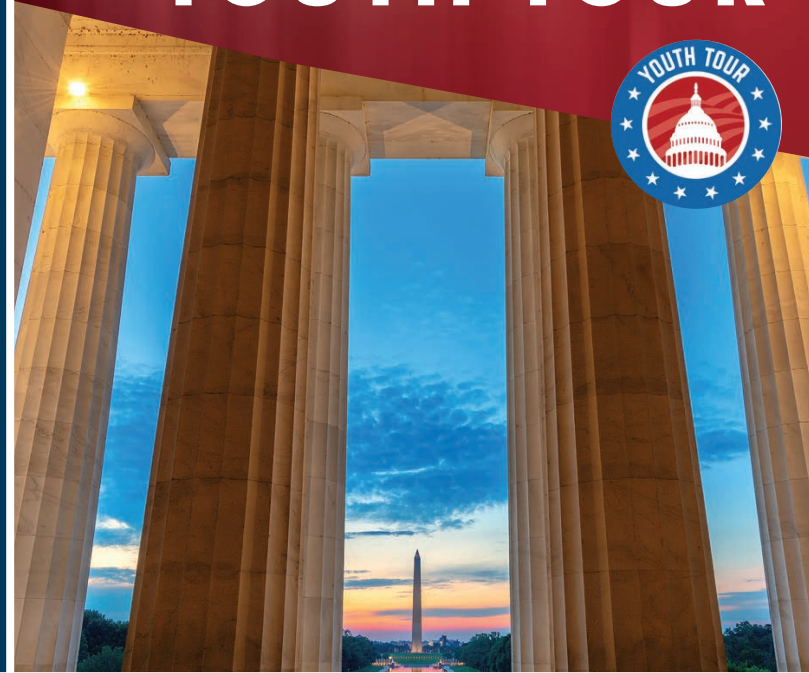
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DECEMBER 2021

## DMEA Targeted by Cyber Attack

Alyssa Clemesen Roberts, CEO

Last month, DMEA was the victim of a cyber-attack. On November 7, 2021, we discovered a targeted effort to access portions of our internal network system by an unauthorized third party. This resulted in multiple days of downtime for DMEA's internal network. We could not access or operate certain systems, such as phone, email, and payment processing. It was a confusing and frustrating time, especially for those of you who needed to do business with us.

After discovering the threat, we took immediate action. We began working with a team of forensic and cybersecurity experts to investigate the scope of the incident and its impact on DMEA and our members. That investigation is still ongoing, which is why I may not answer all your questions in this article. Here's what we know today.

- On Sunday, November 7, 2021, DMEA became aware of unauthorized access by a third party to certain portions of our internal network system.
- We immediately began investigating and secured a cybersecurity expert to assess the extent of the incident and identify solutions for restoration.
- After the first few weeks of the investigation, we are highly confident that no sensitive member or employee information was compromised.
- Moving forward, we are committed to investing in any security improvement recommendations that result from our investigation.
- We are also committed to working with our members to ensure the transition back to normal bill payments and processing does not cause hardship during the holiday season.

On behalf of DMEA, I am deeply sorry for the worry and inconvenience this event has caused our members and customers. The investigation is still ongoing, and to preserve its integrity, we are still limited in what we can share. Please be assured, we take the protection of your information very seriously, and we are sparing no effort to prevent future incidents.



## Holiday OFFICE CLOSURES

Christmas  
December 23 - 24

New Year's  
Friday, December 31



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## THOUSAND reasons to celebrate!

On August 31, 2021, just days shy of the anniversary of Elevate's first connected customer, we connected our 10,000th customer. To celebrate this major milestone, we chose to recognize the importance of community support, donating \$10,000 back to local citizens who significantly contributed to our success.

"Our team agreed; we needed to meaningfully thank the community members who were constantly by our side and supporting us over the years. As a staff, we nominated people from our communities who were instrumental in helping Elevate grow. We narrowed the field to ten champions by vote and surprised each of them with a \$1,000 donation."

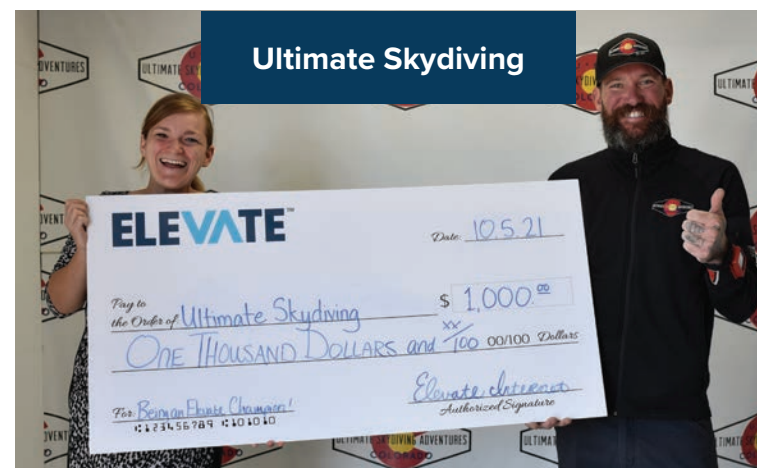
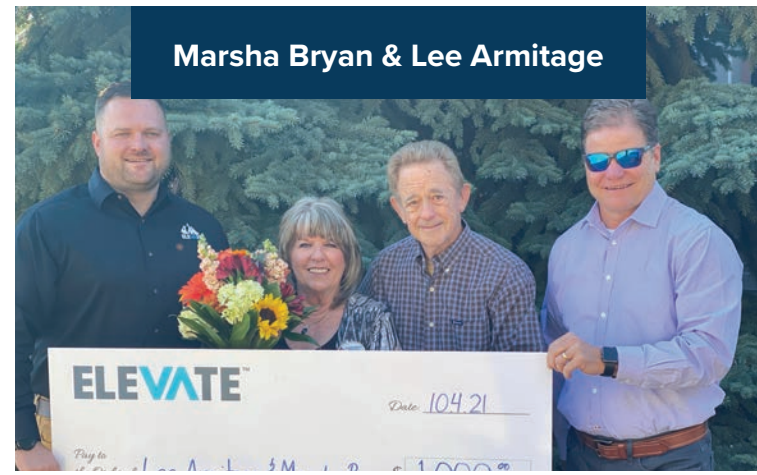
-Kent Blackwell, Elevate Chief Technology Officer

To all of the folks out there in our communities who have been part of Elevate, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We wouldn't be celebrating this important milestone without each and every one of you. Cheers to 10,000 more!

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## Thank you for a great year of electrical safety!

At the start of this year, DMEA introduced our all-new kid's safety competition, Play It Safe. And what a year it's been! Kids in grades K-5 spent the year solving monthly safety dilemmas. From vehicles colliding with DMEA equipment to animals climbing power poles, local kids have demonstrated their electrical safety knowledge in creative and unique ways.

Thank you to all who have participated, and thank you for keeping our communities safe! To view this past year's safety scenarios and contest winners, visit [www.dmea.com/safety-competition](http://www.dmea.com/safety-competition).

