

Blue Ridge Electric Leadership Track

Student Point Guide

50 Ways to Earn Points

Need some ideas on how to earn Leadership Points for the Blue Ridge Electric Leadership Track? Here are some quick and easy ways to boost your point totals and get closer to attaining leadership camp and scholarship opportunities. Be sure to record your points on your individual point sheet. Point opportunities are outlined below by websites you can visit; documents, articles, and stories to read; quizzes you can take; and sites to review to help you with your resume, test taking and college preparation. Finally, there are several videos you may enjoy viewing and find inspiring. ***Please note that many of these sites have books, videos and even leadership camps for sale. Blue Ridge Electric and the Blue Ridge Electric Leadership Track does not endorse these sites in any way and any participation in these sites is strictly voluntary on your part. These sites and other information presented here is for your information only and no further participation is required to obtain points. See each section below to find out about point values.***

Don't forget to review your district-specific menu of point opportunities that includes opportunities unique to your school. ***Also, if you find any websites, articles, stories, or quizzes that you think would benefit the Leadership Track, post them on the Blue Ridge Electric Leadership Track Facebook page to earn 2 points! You can also earn 2 points if you take a source from this document and post it to the page as a recommendation to peers.***

Websites: Here are several websites that should provide hours of interesting reading and practical leadership advice. **Points can be obtained by: 1. Visiting the site (1 point) and recording a one paragraph note on what you learned (2 Points)**

<http://www.leadership-with-you.com/>

- Explore different types of leadership styles, team building skills, public speaking advice, and various articles and biographies

<http://www.whitestag.org/skills/index.html>

- Learn about how to control a group, represent a team, set a positive example, and pass on your leadership knowledge

<http://www.achievemax.com/newsletter/#motivation>

- Read articles about customer service, job retention, leadership skills, motivation, team building, stress management, time management, and goal setting

<http://leadershipqualitieslistblog.com/11-key-effective-leadership-skills-list/>

- Learn about the key skills of a leader and how you can incorporate them into your daily life

<http://www.learn-to-be-a-leader.com/what-is-leadership.html>

- Discover various leadership theories, developmental skills, steps to becoming an effective leader, self-assessments, and subscribe to receive leadership quotes of the day via email

<http://learntolead.org/>

- Explore various perspectives on what makes a great leader, “meet” successful alumni from various leadership programs, and view “Reader’s Digest” articles about leadership.

<http://www.nrcyd.ou.edu/youth-engagement/youth-leadership-development>

- Gain access to a youth leadership toolkit, learn the national standards for youth leaders, and discover many adult perspectives on problems

<http://www.leadership-skills-for-life.com/leadership-characteristics.html>

- Read leadership characteristics, stories, and quotes. Note: this website also lists lots of related articles that will link you to additional sources

Stories: Here are several inspiring stories on leadership and unlocking your potential. **Points can be obtained by: 1. Reading the story (1 point) 2. Writing a paragraph about how you felt while reading and what you discovered after (2 points).**

<http://www.teamworkandleadership.com/2011/02/a-leadership-story-that-will-move-and-inspire-you.html#sthash.WODPcVzi.dpbs>

- Civil War leadership story

<http://www.leadership-skills-for-life.com/leadership-stories.html>

- Various stories about schizophrenia, setting a good example, following your dreams, and first impressions

<http://www.teamworkandleadership.com/2010/07/a-powerful-story-that-could-change-a-leaders-and-others-life.html#sthash.Nlv8qeFj.dpbs>

- Learn the power of encouragement of a leader through this interesting story about frogs

<http://www.teamworkandleadership.com/2011/01/my-favorite-leadership-by-example-story-ever-powerful.html#sthash.YAmL9OYS.dpbs>

- Learn how to lead by example through this interesting story about Ghandi

Articles: Here are several articles that can help you broaden your perspective on developing leadership skills, teach you valuable finance lessons, and allow you to learn about various historical leaders and their individual styles. **Points can be obtained by: 1. Reading the article (1 point) and 2. Writing a paragraph about what you learned and how it can help you in the future (2 points).**

<http://www.cmswire.com/cms/social-business/are-great-leaders-made-or-born-023033.php>

- This article answers the popular question, “Are great leaders born or made?”
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2014/10/141006133228.htm>
- Read a different perspective on the question, “Are great leaders born or made?”
<http://www.daveramsey.com/blog/how-teens-can-become-millionaires/>
- Learn how investing your money at a young age can help you earn more in the future

<http://www.personaldevelopmentguy.com/leadership-examples.html>

- Read about different historical figures and what important leadership qualities they possessed

<http://smallbusiness.chron.com/10-effective-qualities-team-leader-23281.html>

- Learn ten ways you can become a better team leader and player

Quizzes: Take these quizzes to discover information about your personality and how it can impact your leadership style. **Points can be obtained by: 1. Taking the quiz (1 point) and 2. Writing what you learned about yourself and how you will adjust your leadership style accordingly (2 points).**

<http://www.yourleadershiplegacy.com/assessment.html>

- Learn your instinctive leadership style

<http://www.impactfactory.com/library/leadership-quiz>

- Learn how you rank as a leader (Natural, Developing, Management, or Participative)

<http://www.proprofs.com/quiz-school/personality/quizshow.php?title=leadership-personality-quiz&q=2>

- Discover your leadership personality and how it impacts your work

<http://www.proprofs.com/quiz-school/personality/quizshow.php?title=discover-leader-in-you-quiz&q=3>

- Find out what drives you as a leader and how you can use it to your advantage

Resume Help: Below are articles that can help you enhance and improve your resume. Resume building is extremely important and a large part of your future (college applications, job opportunities, etc). **Points can be obtained by: 1. Reading the article (1 point) and 2. Making appropriate changes on your resume (2 points)**

<http://jobsearch.about.com/od/college/a/high-school-resume-examples.htm>

- Tips for what to include on your resume and how to phrase your achievements

<http://www.usnews.com/education/blogs/twice-the-college-advice/2012/12/04/how-to-make-a-high-school-resume>

- Four tips for how and when to start a resume

<http://www.professional-resume-example.com/resume-tips-for-high-school-students.html>

- Helpful hints on how to enhance activities you have participated in

<http://www.studypoint.com/ed/high-school-student-resume/>

- Learn why to start a resume early, how to update accordingly, and what to include

Test Advice: These articles contain valuable tips for performing well on the SAT and ACT, as well as strategies for overcoming test anxiety before and during the big day. **Points can be obtained by: 1. reading the article (1 point) and 2. Writing a paragraph about what you learned (2 points)**

http://testprep.about.com/od/tipsfortesting/a/ACT_Tips.htm

- Top 15 tips for doing well on the ACT

<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/test-prep/articles/2010/05/21/test-prep-9-tips-for-sat-success>

- 9 Tips for succeeding with the SAT

http://www.willamette.edu/dept/lcenter/resources/study_strategies/beattestanxiety.html

- Tips for beating test anxiety in high school students

College Preparation: Explore these articles to learn how to stand out in essays and applications, when to apply for college, how to make your high school action plan, and how to avoid common application mistakes. **Points can be obtained by: 1. reading the article (1 point) and 2. Writing a paragraph about how the source better prepared you for college applications (2 points).**

<http://collegeprepu.com/what-do-colleges-look-for-in-an-applicant/>

- Learn what colleges are seeking in their applicants and how to improve your extra-curricular activities

<http://inlikeme.com/19-common-application-essay-mistakes-and-how-to-avoid-them/>

- Discover the most common college application essay mistakes and how you can avoid them

<http://inlikeme.com/admission-statistics-acceptance-rates-early-vs-regular/>

- Learn statistics on early application vs. regular application and decide which one is better for you

<https://www.scholarships.com/resources/college-prep/preparing-for-college/high-school-action-plan/>

- Form a high school action plan and learn what you should do each year to prepare for college

<http://www.usnews.com/education/blogs/the-scholarship-coach/2013/01/31/4-ways-to-make-your-scholarship-essay-stand-out>

- Read about how to make your scholarship essays stand out in a sea of applicants

Videos: Here are videos that include various talks on youth leadership, examples of leadership from movies and television shows, and inspirational content on how to become a better leader. **Points can be obtained by: 1. watching the video (1 point) and 2. Writing a paragraph about what you learned (2 points).**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hj86IE2tpP0>

- Leadership by Geese

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1eF9sb4ovF8>

- Learn how to lead simply and effectively
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALIndr4M6Io>
- Leadership...by pirates
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ck7CytzKuhg>
- Discover how to unlock your greatness within
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqcn_k6oQaA
- Youth leader Michael Costigan
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_dYkNeNwTk
- Grant Baldwin on service above self
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knYelygG1fi>
- Would you follow you?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjySaAUQYgM>
- Acquire the Fire
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wzF23ql3Djw>
- Kid President on Team Work
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fpK9591u6M>
- A good leader as told by “We were Soldiers”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VZW54uJW4s>
- Team work as told by “Remember the Titans”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HR2UnsOuKxo>
- Drew Dudley Ted Talk
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmpIMt95ndU>
- Stanley McChrystal Ted Talk
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmyZMtPVodo>
- Simon Sinek Ted Talk
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02EJ1ldC6tE>
- How to Sound like a Leader Ted Talk