



# The Edge Newsletter



Winter 2018

## The 66th Annual Meeting

**February 24, 2018, at Northwood Hall**

*Doors open at 5:00pm*

Small but still steady and strong, your WestEdge Board of Directors and Staff cordially invite you to attend the 66th Annual Meeting, "The Sky's the Limit." Far from just a meeting, this relaxed experience is filled with a delicious dinner and quality entertainment. It will be a night to remember!

If you have never been to our Annual Meeting and want to know more, we encourage you to ask any of our current members or staff who have attended in the past. They will tell you about all the fun we have! So, come share quality time with your credit union leadership. We can't wait to see you there!

**Tickets are \$10 and are on sale January 4 - February 22.** Please give us a call at (360) 734-5790 or stop by the credit union to make your reservations today!



## WestEdge Events

- **66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
*Saturday, February 24*
- **Royal Family Kids**  
**Camp Fundraiser**  
*March & April*

## Holiday Closings

- **New Year's Day**  
*Monday, January 1*
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
*Monday, January 15*
- **Presidents Day**  
*Monday, February 19*

## Our Purpose

*Bringing peace of mind to our membership, employees and communities we serve.*

**westedgeCU.org**

## Experience the Rewards

**You can make a difference!**

Because credit unions are not-for-profit financial institutions run by a volunteer Board of Directors and committees, we want YOU to be a part of our team! Join a group of everyday people who volunteer because they want to see WestEdge thrive and remain an essential part of our wonderful community.

Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month. If you would like to consider a volunteer position, call Katie Zowada at (360) 734-5790.

Thank you to all Board and committee volunteers and those who apply!

## TurboTax



As a member of WestEdge Credit Union, you can save up to \$15 on TurboTax® — the #1 best-selling tax software. With TurboTax, you'll get your taxes done right and your biggest possible refund, guaranteed. And with NEW TurboTax Live, you can have a live CPA or EA by your side to answer questions and review your tax return. Start TurboTax today and save!

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## Kids Saving Savvy

It's never too early to practice making good money decisions, and young WestEdge members do just that! At WestEdge, there are three Youth Accounts to choose from:

- Youth Account 1.0 (age birth-12 years)
- Youth Account 2.0 (age 13-17 years)
- Youth Certificate Account (age birth-17 years)

These special accounts are designed to reward you. With incentives, contests, consultation programs and more, you can build your savings savvy that will pay off in a BIG way!

Start saving now! Every time you make a deposit, your name is entered into a monthly drawing for FREE money from WestEdge. Learn more at [westedgeCU.org/youth](http://westedgeCU.org/youth).

Winners from this quarter are:

**\$5 Winners:** Kilen Keon, Emily Anderson, Briella Johnson

**\$10 Winners:** Madison Reamer, Avery Hall

Access your accounts 24 hours a day, seven days a week with WestEdge Online Banking at [westedgeCU.org](http://westedgeCU.org) or Telephone Teller by calling 1 (800) 254-2722.

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## Confronting Abuse, Changing Lives

Royal Family Kids Camp FUNdraiser – March & April 2018

Are you looking for a way to change the lives of kids in your community? Thanks to our generous membership and staff, WestEdge has been able to donate “camperships” year after year so foster children have a safe, fun place to be a kid. This year, we will be running our Royal Family Kids Camp fundraiser for camp scholarships throughout the months of March and April.



To get involved, you can participate in our silent auction or make a cash donation. Bids on our silent auction gift baskets can be made in the credit union lobby throughout the duration of the fundraiser.

*Let's help children remember what it's like to be a kid this summer.*

## Identity Theft Protection Tips

**Not just for adults**

According to the Federal Trade Commission, 400,000+ child identities are stolen every year. Because children often have a clean credit history and do not check their credit reports, this type of identity theft can go unnoticed for years. Protect your child from this damaging crime by following these simple tips:

1. Check your child's credit history for free once a year at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).
2. Keep documents like their Social Security card, birth certificate and grade reports in a safe place. All criminals need to steal an identity is a Social Security number, name and/or date of birth.
3. Be suspicious of any credit card offerings or account statements your child receives in the mail. This could be a sign that their identity has been stolen.
4. Educate your child about the importance of keeping personal information private, especially when it comes to using the internet and social media.
5. Don't give your child a debit or credit card until they are responsible enough to handle the sensitive information.

## Consolidate and Save!

**Pay down debt, faster.**

Do you have high-interest credit cards or personal loans? We're here to help. Take control by combining them into one low-rate loan with payment terms that work for you.

**Convenience** – With only one monthly payment to think about, you don't have to worry about several different due dates at multiple institutions.

**Lower Payments** – Watch your high rates disappear when you consolidate them into a lower fixed-rate that will save you money over the life of your loan.

**Peace of Mind** – Let us work with you to create the ideal payment for your budget. Want to make additional payments? No problem! You are always welcome to make additional payments without penalties.

*Ready to get started? Give us a call at (360) 734-5790 and organize your finances in a better way today!*

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