



Join the FUN!
#YTDCSD2020
 June 18-25, 2020
(Best of all, it's free thanks to your local electric cooperative!)



TEENS:

Head to D.C. This Summer for **FREE!**

Attention all high school juniors whose parents or guardians are members of Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.: Here is your chance of a lifetime to experience an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 18-25.

What makes electric cooperatives different from other utilities is that “giving something back to the community” is part of their business plan. Why do electric cooperatives bring high school students to Washington? Because it is important to learn about the political process to interact with your government. The student who wins this trip will walk away from this week as a better leader and a sense that they can make a difference.



The Rural Electric Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C., every June since the late 1950s. Students compete for slots for this unique opportunity and are selected for this program by their local electric cooperative.

The featured speakers during National Youth Day provide insight to the important roles electric cooperatives play in their community. Students gain a personal understanding of American history and their role as a citizen by meeting their representative and senators and explore the sights around the nation's capitol.



During the trip, you'll see tons of sites, meet teens from across the country and gain perspective on community and cooperatives.

If you want to be part of the fun...

Complete the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., application form on the back of this sheet and essay question and submit it to Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. before the Feb. 21, 2020, deadline.

How the Participant is Chosen...

Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Selection Committee will review and evaluate all applications received. The committee will select one student to represent Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. at this year's event.

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Application Deadline:
 Feb. 21, 2020



June 18-25, 2020

**WHETSTONE VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR TO
WASHINGTON ENTRY FORM**

Name _____

Age _____

Parent's Name _____

Whetstone Valley Electric Account No. _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

School _____

Email Address: _____

RULES

1. The contest is open to high school juniors whose parents or guardians are a member of the Whetstone Electric Cooperative.
2. All entrants are required to submit a 500 word essay on the following:
“What makes you a good candidate to represent Whetstone Valley Electric on the 2020 Youth Tour and what do you expect to gain from your Washington, D.C. experience?”
3. Essays must be in the Cooperative office or postmarked no later than February 21, 2020. Our address is: Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative, PO Box 512, Milbank, SD 57252

The essays will be judged on the following basis:

- A) Understanding of the Subject 35%
- B) Originality 35%
- C) Adhering to the Topic 15%
- D) Composition, neatness and grammar 15%

** You are not limited to any resource materials, although you must provide a bibliography.*

** Your essay, if you wish, may include interviews with individuals involved in the energy field.*

The winner will be announced at the annual meeting March 26, 2020. **This is an all-expense paid trip provided by Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative.**