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TO: Youth Tour Applicants
FROM: Robin Feezer, Office Manager
DATE: November 14, 2024
SUBJECT: Washington, DC Youth Tour

The Wyoming Rural Electric Association, on behalf of rural electric cooperatives in Wyoming, is sponsoring a trip for three high school students to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Tour in Washington, DC. The 2025 Youth Tour is June 16-22, 2025.

You are eligible to apply for this exciting experience because your parents are members of a Wyoming Electric Cooperative. Besides recognizing youth leadership in Wyoming, our purpose is to educate young people about our Nation's history and electric cooperatives. Information concerning the Youth Tour, the Youth Leadership Council and a proposed itinerary from a previous Youth Tour are attached.

In addition, one of the students selected for the Youth Tour will also be eligible to represent Wyoming as a member of the NRECA Youth Leadership Council (YLC). As one of 41 members of the YLC, this student will participate in various online leadership meetings. **They will attend a 5-day leadership training in Washington DC as well as the February/March 2026 NRECA annual meeting in Nashville, TN.**

WREA and NRECA will pay travel, lodging, meals and group excursion expenses. The winner will be responsible for non-essential expenses such as souvenirs.

If you wish to apply, please complete and return the attached forms, **along with two letters of recommendation**, by **Tuesday, December 31st**. You may email a scanned copy to rfeezer@wyomingrea.org or mail your information to WREA (Attn: Youth Tour, 2312 Carey Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001)

The WREA staff will review the application materials and conduct the interviews. **The interviews will be scheduled for January 6th & 7th via Zoom.** All of the students interviewed will be contacted with the Committee's decision as soon as possible following the interviews.

We look forward to receiving your application.



2025 Youth Tour Application



2025 YOUTH TOUR

APPLICATION COVER LETTER

Name (*As it appears on your Driver's License*): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Participants: Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Can you send and receive text messages? Yes _____ No _____

Participants e-mail: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Shirt Size: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____

Parents: _____

Mother Cell Phone: _____ Father Cell Phone: _____

Mother Daytime Phone: _____ Father Daytime Phone: _____

Parents e-mail: _____

I send the majority of the information via email, please make sure to check emails on a regular basis.

Name of your local electric cooperative: _____

Name and Address of School: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Principal: _____



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APPLICATION

Name: _____

Grade (2024-2025): _____ Year of Graduation: _____

GPA Last Year: _____ Major Study Interest: _____

List your favorite classes at school: 1. _____ 2. _____

What activities you have participated in and any awards or special honors you have received; such as class officer, plays, music, athletics, etc. Please include the year(s) you were involved:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Special Honors for Activity</u>	<u>Year of Activity</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

What about your extra curricular activities; such as 4-H, FCCLA, FFA, church, volunteer service or community projects, etc. Please include the year(s) you were involved:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Special Honors for Activity</u>	<u>Year of Activity</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

List any public speaking or writing experience; such as school newspaper, yearbook, etc.:

1. _____
2. _____

What types of work experience do you have? _____

What did you most enjoy about the Energy Camp if you attended (committees, activities, etc.)? _____

From your Energy Camp experience, what most interested you about electric cooperatives?

Why would you like to attend Youth Tour? _____

What are your plans after you graduate? _____

(CONTINUE ON ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NECESSARY.)

YOUTH TOUR ITINERARY

NUMBER TO CHASE

MONDAY, JUNE 17 - DENVER, CO

- 10:00 am Colorado Delegates Check-in for YT
Welcome, Introductions – Julie Baker
- 10:30 am Load Bus for Tour of State Capitol
- 11:30 am Tour of Colorado State Capitol
- 12:30 pm Load Bus
- 1:15 pm Colorado & Wyoming Delegates
Arrive at United Power
Lunch & Co-op Careers
- 2:00 pm Legislative Process with Tim Coleman, CREA
- 2:45 pm Electric Safety Demonstration
- 3:45 pm Story Behind the Switch
Michelle Pastor, Tri-State G&T
- 4:30 pm Generation & Transmission Building Project
- 6:00 pm Load Bus for Springhill Suites Westminster Hotel
- 7:00 pm Dinner & Legislative Speaker - Rep. Shannon Bird
- 8:30 pm Questions & Expectations – Julie Baker & Robin Feezer
- 9:30 pm In Own Rooms - Bed Checks



CO State
Capitol

TOUR AREA MAP



What we did
last year!!!!

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

- 4:00 am Load Bus for Airport
- 7:05 am Depart Southwest Airlines Flight #3751
- 12:25 pm ETA at Baltimore International Airport
- 2:15 pm Lunch in Baltimore Harbor
(stay in groups of 3 or more)
- 3:30 pm Load Bus for Fort McHenry
- 3:45 pm Fort McHenry Tour
- 5:00 pm Load Bus for Washington, D.C.
- 6:45 pm Baseball Game - Washington Nationals
vs. Arizona Diamondbacks
- 9:30 pm Load Bus for the Hotel
- 10:00 pm Check into the Gaylord National Harbor Hotel
- 10:15 pm In Own Rooms - Bed Checks

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Wear Your Youth Tour T-Shirt Today 

- 7:00 am Breakfast at the Hotel
- 8:00 am NRECA Co-op 101 & Youth Advocacy Class
- 9:30 am Load Bus for Mount Vernon
- 10:00 am Mount Vernon – Mansion Tour @ 10:25 am
- 12:00 pm Lunch at Mount Vernon
- 1:00 pm Load Bus for Memorials
- 2:00 pm Airforce Memorial and Pentagon Memorial
- 3:00 pm National Cathedral – tour at 3:15 pm
- 4:15 pm Load Bus for Memorials



Mt Vernon



Airforce
Memorial



Pentagon
Memorial

- 4:45 pm Martin Luther King Jr., Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Thomas Jefferson Memorials
- 6:30 pm Dinner Delivery, Load Bus for the Hotel
- 7:00 pm Arrive at the Hotel, freshen up for evening event
- 7:45 pm NRECA Youth Day Event at the Hotel
Programming starts at 8:00 pm
- 10:15 pm In Own Rooms - Bed Checks

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Wear Your Youth Tour Polo Shirt Today 

(CO wears black bottoms, WY wears khaki bottoms)

- 7:30 am Breakfast at the Hotel
- 8:00 am Load Bus for Capitol Hill
- Colorado**
- 9:00 am Senate meetings - Russell Senate Building
- 10:40 am U.S. Capitol Tour
- 12:00 pm Lunch at the Capitol Cafeteria
- 12:30 pm House meetings - Rayburn House Building
- Wyoming**
- 9:00 am Congressional Meetings
- 2:30 pm Library of Congress Tour
- 3:30 pm Group photos on Capitol Hill
- 4:30 pm Load Bus for the Hotel
- 5:00 pm Arrive at the Hotel, freshen up for evening event
- 7:00 pm Dinner at the Hotel
NRECA "All State Event"
- 10:30 pm In Own Rooms - Bed Checks



U.S. Capitol



Library of
Congress

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

- 7:30 am Breakfast at the Hotel
- 8:30 am Load Bus for Ford's Theater
- 9:15 am Ford's Theater Tour - tour @ 9:30 am
- 11:00 am Navy Memorial
- 11:15 am National Archives
- 12:30 pm Lunch on the National Mall on Your Own
(travel in groups of 3 or more)
Visit Smithsonian Museums of Choice:
Natural History Museum, American History Museum, American Indian Museum, Hirschhorn Modern Art, National Art Gallery, and *Air & Space Museum.
*requires a timed entry ticket, ask a chaperone
Delegates are not permitted to leave the National Mall area
- 3:30 pm Meet on the Mall Side on the Steps of the Natural History Museum
- 3:45 pm Load Bus for the Hotel
- 4:15 pm Arrive at the Hotel, freshen up for evening event
- 5:45 pm Load Bus for Alexandria City Marina
- 6:00 pm Potomac River Dinner Cruise - on the Cherry Blossom
- 9:30 pm Load Bus for the Hotel
- 10:30 pm In Own Rooms - Bed Checks



Ford's Theater



Map of the Mall

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

- 7:30 am Breakfast at the Hotel
- 8:00 am Load Bus
- 8:30 am World War II, Vietnam War, Lincoln, Korean War Memorials



Lincoln Memorial

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- 10:15 am Load Bus
- 10:30 am Holocaust Memorial Museum
- 12:30 pm Load Bus & Box Lunches
- 1:00 pm Arlington National Cemetery Tour
- 2:30 pm Load Bus for the Hotel
- 3:00 pm **CO** - Meet in Hotel Conference Room
Youth Leadership Council Election
- 4:30 pm Prepare for Dinner & Pack
- 6:00 pm Meet in Hotel Lobby, Walk to National Harbor
Night out in National Harbor
Dinner on own *(travel in groups of 3 or more)*
Capital Ferris Wheel
- 9:00 pm Meet in National Harbor
Walk back to the Hotel
- 10:00 pm In Own Rooms - Bed Checks



Holocaust Museum



Arlington Cemetery



Youth Leadership Council (YLC)

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

- 4:30 am Load Bus for Baltimore International Airport
- 7:55 am Southwest Flight #1653 Departing for Denver
- 9:45 am ETA at Denver International Airport
CO Parents - meet your students at Southwest Airlines baggage claim
- 11:30 am **WY Parents** - meet your students at the WREA office in Cheyenne, unless other arrangements have been made



2025 will look very similar but with some new places added.