

# RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH TOUR



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Washington, D.C.

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HERE'S HOW

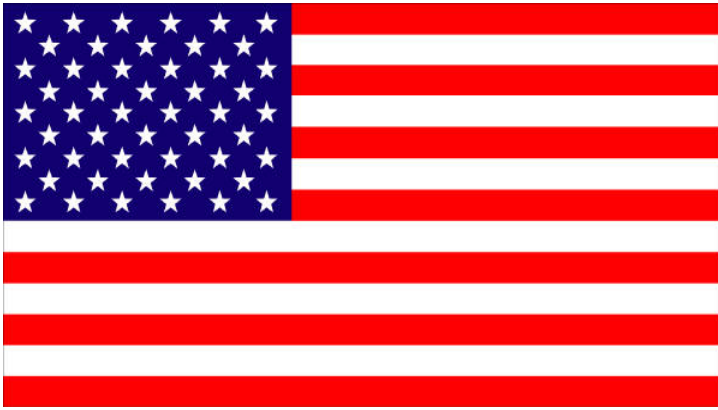
- ◆ Write an original typed essay (500-1000 words) on the following topic:  
**WHAT IS YOUR PLAN TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE ELECTRICITY WE'LL NEED IN THE FUTURE?**
- ◆ Create a coversheet that includes your name, address, phone #, parents' names, school, teacher's name and title of your essay.
- ◆ Put the Title of your essay at the Top of Page One of your essay. Do Not Put Your Name On Any Part of the Essay-ONLY ON THE COVERSHEET!
- ◆ Turn in your essay and coversheet to Webster Electric Cooperative by April 1st.
- ◆ Five finalists will present their papers at a banquet on April 20th.
- ◆ Judges will announce the ranking of the winners at the banquet. The top two winners will go to Washington D.C. and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd runner up take \$100 each and will all go to the C.Y.C.L.E. conference in Jefferson City, Missouri.

**GOOD LUCK JUNIORS!**



This is the 46th year Missouri has participated in the annual Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Local electric cooperatives, including Webster Electric, sponsor delegates on the 6 day all expense paid trip to our nation's capital.

Eighty some high school JUNIORS from across Missouri will meet for a banquet and orientation before traveling by plane to Washington D.C. Approximately 1,200 delegates from 38 states will tour the D.C. area, visiting all the sights our capital has to offer. You will also have appointments to meet your congressional representative, as well as Senators Claire McCaskill and Christopher "Kit" Bond.



*Sites to visit include:*

- Lincoln Memorial*
- Ford's Theatre*
- Jefferson Memorial*
- Washington Monument*
- Mt. Vernon*
- The Supreme Court*
- Smithsonian*
- Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*
- Iwo Jima Memorial*
- Library of Congress*
- Washington Cathedral*
- National Archives*
- and more!*

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**How will the winners be chosen?**

*Preliminary judging:*

*Once separated from their cover-sheets, all essays will be read and evaluated on the following:*

- *content*  
*(understanding of the subject and insightful, clearly-stated ideas*
- *mechanics*  
*(grammer, spelling, punctuation, etc.)*

*Five finalists will be chosen.*

*Final Judging:*

*Finalists will present their papers to a panel of judges, who will in turn ask each finalist a few questions about themselves and their essays. Judges will assess contestants on their knowledge of the topic, insight into the topic, mechanics of the paper and delivery. (poise, eye contact, etc.)*

*Judges are made up of past Youth Tour Winners, Employees of the Cooperative and other industry related persons.*

*Best of luck, Juniors!*

# Our Electric Future

Over two hundred years have passed since Ben Franklin ventured out into that storm with his kite and his hypothesis. Tremendous progress in the study of electricity has been made since then. However, there is still more to understand. Even today, scientists still study and experiment to learn more about electricity.

Think about how many times you use electricity in just one day. Electricity makes our lives easier. The technology of the future, like modern technology, depends on electricity.

Right now, most of our electricity comes from burning fossil fuels (oil, natural gas, and coal). The combustion of the fuel generates the flow of current electricity. The problem is that fossil fuels are nonrenewable resources and may eventually run out. Coal is the most affordable but has been called an environmentalists nightmare! If we want to keep using our televisions, air conditioners, microwave ovens, and computers, we need to find another way to make electricity. Scientists today are experimenting with alternate fuel sources like the sun, wind, water, and radioactive elements and clean coal.



## HINTS

*Electric Cooperatives pride themselves on supplying safe, reliable and affordable power!*

*Site your sources where it applies but be creative also. Our future depends on minds like yours!*

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