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TO: Youth Tour Applicants

FROM: Robin Feezer, Office Manager

DATE: October 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Electric Cooperative Youth Tour

The Wyoming Rural Electric Association, on behalf of rural electric cooperatives in Wyoming, is sponsoring a trip for high school students to the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, DC. The 2027 Youth Tour is June 16-22, 2027.

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 2028 NRECA annual meeting.** WREA and NRECA will pay for travel, lodging, meals and group excursion expenses. The winner will be responsible for non-essential expenses such as souvenirs.

If you wish to apply for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, please complete and return the attached forms, **along with two letters of recommendation**, by **Friday, December 18th.** 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.



2027 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Application

Contact and Personal Information

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: _____

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Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Principal: _____

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Name: _____

Grade (2026-2027): _____ 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:

Activity	Special Honors for Activity	Year of Activity
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:

Activity	Special Honors for Activity	Year of Activity
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? _____

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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.)

2025 YOUTH TOUR SCHEDULE

Monday, June 16

9:00-9:30 am	**Colorado Delegate Arrival** ***Location***: Hyatt Place Westminster Hotel Check in for Youth Tour
9:30 am	Welcome & Introductions - Julie Baker, CO Tour Director
10:00 am	Load Bus for Tour of State Capitol
10:30 am	Tour of Colorado State Capitol – Historic & Dome Possible congressional meetings
12:15 pm	Load Bus
1:00 pm	Colorado & Wyoming Students Arrive at United Power
	Lunch
	Co-op Careers
	Youth Tour Alumni (10-20 mins depending on how many)
2:15 pm	Legislative Process with Taylor Ward, CREA
2:45 pm	Head outside for Electric Safety Demonstration
3:45 pm	*Story Behind the Switch* – Michelle Pastor, Tri-State G&T
4:30 pm	G&T Building Project
6:00 pm	Load Bus for Hyatt Place Westminster
7:00 pm	Dinner & Discussion with Rep. Dusty Johnson Questions & Expectations – Julie Baker & Robin Feezer
9:30 pm	In Own Rooms - Bed Checks

Tuesday, June 17

4:30 am	Load Bus for Airport
7:45 am	Depart Southwest Airlines Flight #1150
1:10 pm	ETA at Baltimore International Airport Load Bus, 56 pax & 26 pax

Sample Agenda

2:15 pm	Lunch in Baltimore Harbor
3:15 pm	Depart for Fort McHenry
5:00 pm	Depart for Washington D.C.
6:45 pm	Washington Nationals Baseball Game Vs. Colorado Rockies
9:30 pm	Load Busses
10:00 pm	Check into Gaylord National Harbor Hotel
10:15 pm	In Own Rooms

Wednesday, June 18 – ***Wear Your Nice Pants & Youth Tour Polo Shirt Today***

7:30 am	Grab N' Go Breakfast at the Gaylord Hotel
8:00 am	Bus to Capitol Hill
Colorado	Capitol Visitor Center - South Congressional Meeting Room, CVC 217
9:00 am	Senate meetings - Tom Erb, Senior Policy Advisor, Sen. John Hickenlooper
9:30 am	Capitol Tour
10:45 am	House meetings - D - Isabella Diebel, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Diana DeGette - Peter Trapp, Senior Legislative Assistant and Dr. Sam Erkiletian, Legislative Fellow assisting with energy and water issues, Rep. Jason Crow
11:30 am	House meetings - R - D. Riley King, Legislative Correspondent, Rep. Jeff Hurd
12:30 pm	Lunch at the Capitol Cafeteria
1:10 pm	CO YLC Election
Wyoming	
9:00 am	Senate & Congressional Meetings Capitol Tour
2:00 pm	Library of Congress Guided Tour by DC Design Tours Carolyn and TBD
3:15 pm	Group photos on Capitol Hill
3:30 pm	Load Bus to Gaylord National Harbor
4:30 pm	Load bus from Gaylord National Harbor to Alexandria City Marina

Sample Agenda

5:00 pm	Dinner at Bugsy's Pizza
6:30 pm	Potomac River Cruise – on the Cherry Blossom
9:30 pm	Load bus from Alexandria City Marina to Gaylord National Harbor
10:15 pm	In Own Rooms – Bed Checks

<u>Thursday, June 19</u> - *Wear Your Youth Day Shirt*

8:00 am	Breakfast at the Gaylord Resort Hotel
8:30 am	Leadership Presentation - TEAM Dynamics Personality Indicator Craig Hillier, Winning Edge Gaylord Meeting Room - Chesapeake G-L
10:30-10:45 am	Break
11:30 am	Wrap-Up
11:45 am	Meet in hotel lobby, walk to National Harbor
12:00 pm	Lunch at National Harbor
12:30 pm	Load bus
	Pentagon & Air Force Memorials
2:45 pm	National Cathedral – tour at 2:55/3:00 pm
4:10 pm	Load Bus
4:45 pm	Dinner @ McDonald's 121 N Cove Terrace, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 (6 mins from hotel)
5:50 pm	Load Bus to Gaylord National Harbor
6:15 pm	Be in seats for NRECA event
6:30-9:15 pm	NRECA Youth Day Event
9:15 pm	Camp Co-op
10:15 pm	In Own Rooms

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Friday, June 20

7:30 am	Grab N 'Go Breakfast at the Gaylord National Harbor
8:30 am	Bus to Ford's Theater
9:30 am	Ford's Theater Tour (arrive 9:15)
11:00 am	Navy Memorial
11:15 am	National Archives (30 @ 11:15AM, 30 @ 11:30AM, 2 @ 11AM)
12:30 pm	Lunch on the Mall on Your Own Visit Smithsonian Museums of Choice (travel in groups): Natural History Museum, American History Museum, American Indian Museum, Hirschhorn Modern Art, National Art Gallery and Air & Space Museum requires a timed entry ticket (30 tix for 1PM, 2PM, 24 for 3PM) (delegates are not permitted to leave the National Mall area)
3:45 pm	Meet on the Mall Side on the Steps of the Natural History Museum
4:00 pm	Bus to Gaylord National Harbor
5:00 pm	Freshen up, prepare for dinner event
6:00-8:00 pm	Dinner & NRECA Co-op Connections Event
8:00-10:15 pm	Camp Co-op
10:15 pm	In Own Rooms

Saturday, June 21

7:30 am	Grab N 'Go Breakfast at the Gaylord National Harbor
8:00 am	Load Bus
8:30 am	World War II, Vietnam, Lincoln, Korean Memorials
11:10 am	Load Bus
11:30 am	Arlington National Cemetery Tour
12:30 pm	Load Bus
12:45 pm	Picnic lunch @ West Potomac Park

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1:30 pm	Martin Luther King Jr., Franklin D. Roosevelt, Thomas Jefferson Memorials
3:00 pm	Holocaust Memorial Museum
4:45 pm	Bus to Hotel
5:00 pm	Prepare for dinner & pack
6:00 pm	Meet in Hotel Lobby Night out in National Harbor – Dinner on own, Ferris Wheel
9:00 pm	Meet in National Harbor – Walk back to the Hotel
10:00 PM	In Own Rooms

Sunday, June 22

4:30 am	Load Bus for Baltimore International Airport Uber, 6 Passengers
7:45 am	Southwest Flight #3681 Departing for Denver
9:35 am	ETA at Denver International Airport Colorado Parents - meet your students at Southwest Airlines baggage claim
	Wyoming Parents – meet your students at the WREA office in Cheyenne unless other arrangements have been made.

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