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TO: Youth Tour Applicants  
FROM: Robin Feezer, Office Manager  
DATE: November 17, 2023  
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 2024 Youth Tour is June 17-23.

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 also attend the February/March 2025 NRECA annual meeting.

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 **Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**. You may fax (307-634-0728), email (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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



## *2024 Youth Tour Application*



**2024 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_



**2024 YOUTH TOUR**

**APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (2022-2023): \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA Last Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Major Study Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us a little about your favorite classes at school: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

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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:

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

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What types of work experience do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

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What did you most enjoy about the Energy Camp (committees, activities, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Why would you like to attend Youth Tour? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your plans after you graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

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## YOUTH TOUR SCHEDULE

### **Monday, June 12, 2023**

- 8:45 am Wyoming Students Check in, Welcome, Introductions  
WREA Office, 2312 Carey Ave., Cheyenne, WY
- 9:30 am Meet with Governor Gordon
- 10:00 am Tour of Wyoming State Capitol – Historic & Dome
- 11:00 am Load Cars to Head to Colorado
- 1:00 pm Colorado & Wyoming Students Arrive at United Power  
Lunch & Co-op Careers
- 2:00 pm Legislative Process with Tim Coleman
- 2:45 pm Blue Star Mothers - Sandy Gomke
- 3:30 pm Safety Demonstration
- 4:15 pm Story Behind the Switch – Michelle Pastor, Tri-State G&T
- 5:15 pm Building Project
- 6:15 pm Load Bus for Qdoba
- 7:00 pm Dinner at Qdoba & Presentation by Rep. Shannon Bird
- 8:30 pm Questions – Liz Fiddes
- 9:00 pm Return to hotel
- 9:30 pm In Own Room

### **Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

- 5:00 am Load Bus for Airport
- 7:50 am Depart Southwest Airlines Flight #1948 for Baltimore
- 1:15 pm Arrive Baltimore International Airport
- 2:30 pm Lunch in Baltimore Harbor

3:30 pm Depart for Fort McHenry  
5:00 pm Depart for Washington D.C.  
6:00 pm Dinner Delivered to Parade Grounds at Iwo Jima Memorial  
7:00 pm Sunset Parade  
8:30 pm Load Bus  
9:00 pm Check into Hyatt Crystal City Hotel  
10:00 pm In Own Rooms

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

7:30 am Load Bus  
8:00 am Breakfast at Mount Vernon  
8:30 am Mount Vernon Touring – Mansion @ 9:55 am  
11:30 pm Lunch at Mount Vernon  
12:00 pm Load Bus  
12:30 pm Air Force Memorial and Pentagon Memorial  
2:15 pm National Cathedral  
3:30 pm Load Bus  
4:15 pm Congressional Presentation at Hyatt  
6:00 pm Load Bus  
7:00 pm Potomac River Cruise and Dinner on the Spirit of Washington  
(board 6:30 pm)  
Bus Drop Off: 555 Water Street SW, Washington DC  
10:00 pm In Own Rooms

**Thursday, June 15, 2023 – *Wear Your Black Pants & Youth Tour Polo Shirt Today***

7:30 am Breakfast at the Hyatt

8:00 am Meet in Lobby and Metro to Capitol Hill

9:30 am Meeting with Senators Lummis and Barrasso

10:30 am **Library of Congress Tour**

12:00 pm Meeting with Representative Hageman

12:45 pm Lunch in Capitol

1:30 pm **Tour of Capitol**

4:30 pm Load Bus

5:45 pm Dinner at Hard Rock Café, Baltimore

8:00 pm Play: Frozen at the Hippodrome, Baltimore

10:30 pm Load Bus and Return to Hotel

11:45 pm In Own Rooms

**Friday, June 16, 2023**

7:00 am Metro to Metro Center

8:00 am Breakfast at the Corner Bakery, 529 (F) 14<sup>th</sup> Street

9:00 am Ford's Theater (arrive 8:50)

11:00 am Navy Memorial

11:15 am National Archives

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 (old  
masters and modern art), and Botanic Gardens  
Air & Space Museum has limited access  
African American History Museum requires timed entry tickets

5:00 pm Meet on the Mall Side on the Steps of the Natural History Museum



6:00 pm Metro to Crystal City  
6:15 pm Dinner at Noodles & Co  
8:00 pm Co-op Presentation – Hyatt Regency  
10:00 pm In Own Rooms

**Saturday, June 17, 2023 – *Wear Your Youth Tour T-Shirt Today***

7:30 am Breakfast at the Hyatt  
8:00 am Load Bus  
8:30 am Einstein Statue, Vietnam, Lincoln, Korean Memorials  
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  
3:00 pm Metro to Hotel • Pack  
5:00 pm Youth Night & Farewell Event (5:00 dinner, 6:15 in our seats, 9:00 free)  
10:30 PM In Own Rooms

**Sunday, June 18, 2023**

4:45 am Load Bus for Reagan International Airport  
7:00 am Frontier Flight 535 Departing for Denver  
9:06 am Arrive Denver International Airport  
Colorado Parents - meet your students at Southwest Airlines  
baggage claim  
11:00 am Wyoming Parents – meet your students at the WREA office in Cheyenne