

DATE: February 3, 2020**Woodruff Electric Sponsors Washington, D.C. Trip for Youth**

Two area high school juniors will win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June, according to Michael Swan, the cooperative's president/CEO.

“Two winners of an essay-writing contest will participate in the trip which takes place June 19 through the 25. The trip is part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour and is open to all high school juniors attending area schools,” said Swan. To enter, contestants will be required to submit a 300-word essay. The deadline for submitting applications and essays will be March 23, 2020.

“Woodruff Electric puts great pride in demonstrating Cooperative Principle #7 “Concern for Community” in the communities it serves by supporting students. Through the Youth Tour, we are helping Arkansas' youth learn more about our nation’s government, American history and the electric cooperatives, as well as develop leadership skills for their future careers,” said Swan.

This is the 31st year that Woodruff Electric has sponsored youth to participate in this tour. The Arkansas Youth Tour will consist of a 44-member group that travels to and from Washington, D.C. by air. The group will join about 1,800 students from across the nation who are attending the tour.

The tour activities include a guided tour of the U.S. Capitol, as well as other major sites in Washington, such as the museums of the Smithsonian Institution, the Jefferson, Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., Vietnam, Korean and World War II memorials, Arlington National Cemetery and many other attractions; plus, special programs developed by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the national organization of electric cooperatives that coordinates the Youth Tour.

Youth who are eligible for the Youth Tour are requested to visit www.woodruffelectric.com for contest rules, application and information or call Woodruff Electric office at 870-633-2262.

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