

You Can Win the Trip of a Lifetime!

Enter the 2017 Youth Tour Essay Contest to win a week-long trip to Washington, D.C.

Deadline: January 31, 2017

It's Easy to Enter:

Write a 400 to 500 word essay on the theme "**How the Cooperative Business Model Benefits Me.**" Discuss the cooperative business model, how it has worked through the years, how it benefits you, and how it will continue to benefit you and others in the future. You must also demonstrate a thorough understanding of the topic. Essays should be typed. Attach to the front of the essay a separate sheet of paper with your name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, parent or guardian's name, parent's phone number and the name of your school.

Essays will be judged for creativity, accuracy, clarity, grammar, punctuation and the level of independent research.

Rules and Regulations:

- All entries must be postmarked or in the drop box at the Linn or Brazito office **no later Tuesday, January 31, 2017**. No late entries will be accepted.
- The contest is open to all high school juniors living in or attending school in Three Rivers Electric Cooperative's service territory. Entrants need not be a cooperative member. Immediate family members (sons and daughters, sisters, brothers or grandchildren) of Three Rivers' employees or directors are not eligible.
- Twelve finalists, their parents and teachers will be invited to TREC's Headquarters Office in Linn on **Monday, March 13 for the Youth Tour Finals**. Finalists will take a 50 point True-False quiz about cooperatives and then present their essay before a panel of three judges.
- From the finalists, six students will be chosen to attend the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. **Trip is scheduled for June 9 - June 15, 2017.**
- The remaining six finalists will each receive a \$200 cash prize.
- The decision of the judges is final.



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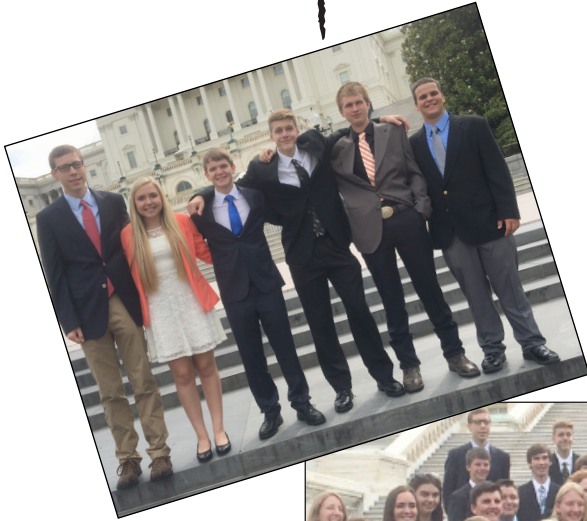
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Rural Electric Youth Tour



TREC's 2016 Youth Tour Delegates: Remington Wilson, Calvary Lutheran; Claire Ludwig, He-lías; Carson Killday, Calvary Lutheran; Brady Kruse, New Haven; Danny Mueller, Eugene; Jake Brundick, Fatima.

Missouri Delegates in front of the U.S. Capitol.



Words from the Delegates:

"I can honestly say that the Youth Tour changed my life. It gave me a better understanding of democracy, the history of our nation and arguably the future." - Carson Killday

"You can feel the energy of the city when you are there, and then you realize this is where a lot of the decisions are made that shape our country - yesterday and today." - Claire Ludwig

"Seeing the monuments was humbling, meeting our representative was incredible, but most of all, I think I enjoyed meeting and being around the fantastic people on the tour." - Brady Kruse

"Seeing the sites of pure patriotism was definitely a highlight of the trip." - Danny Mueller

"This was definitely a once in a lifetime experience." - Remington Wilson

"Arlington Cemetery and the war memorials were my favorite places to visit because they showed all the sacrifices these men and women made for our country," Jake Brundick.