

Washington D.C. Youth Tour 2009

An all-expense paid trip for a junior in high school

The Washington D. C. Youth Tour is a weeklong trip to the nation's capitol, where a high school junior from Mountain Parks Electric's service territory will meet students from other Colorado co-ops and students from across the United States.

June 11 – 18, 2009 - A week of activities begin in Denver on June 11 where the student will visit our state capitol building, Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association's, our wholesale supplier's headquarters, dinner in the evening and then off to Washington, D. C. the following morning. Meeting many of our Colorado national representatives and learning about electric cooperatives and the issues surrounding the electric industry are only a small part of what will be seen and heard. This lucky student will visit Arlington National Cemetery, the Library of Congress, stroll through the Smithsonian museums, visit the monuments and memorials, and learn how electricity is generated, about transmission and distribution, while all the time having fun with over 1500 students. An evening at the theatre, a cruise on the Potomac River—dancing and mingling are all a part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience with a lifetime of memories to share.

Eligibility: Open to all high school juniors attending schools in the MPEI's service territory that are at least 16 years of age as of January 1, 2009, and live in a household that receives electricity.

How do you get your chance to participate? Simply fill out an application, and submit an essay of 500 words or less on energy challenges facing your generation. Topics could include, but not limited to:

- State and national legislation for energy use and emissions restrictions.
- Compare traditional methods of generating electricity vs. renewable energy sources. Is one method better than the other, and why?
- What are your suggestions to conserve on energy today that will help meet the energy demands for the future?

Return Youth Tour application and essay no later than Monday, December 29, 2008 to:

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Selection will be based on content, grammar and spelling. Winner will be notified by January 5, 2009. For questions, please contact Rosemary Knerr, Youth Tour coordinator at rknerr@mpei.com or 970-887-7027.