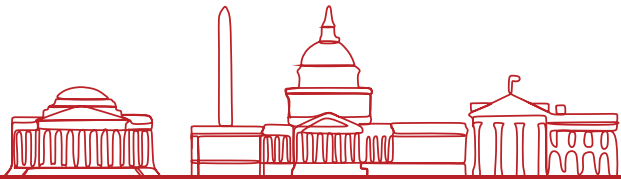




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2023 OKLAHOMA YOUTH TOUR

JUNE 17-23, 2023

ALL EXPENSE PAID TRIP

The Oklahoma Rural Electric Youth Tour is an annual, weeklong, all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., that is open to select high school juniors (seniors-to-be) who attend schools located in co-op service areas.



LEADERSHIP

Youth Tour builds relationship and leadership skills pertinent for your future.



EXPLORE

Tour our Nation's Capital by seeing historic monuments, memorials, museums, the White House and much more!



CONNECT

Connections and relationships will form during the weeklong trip creating everlasting friendships. Students will meet and interact with Oklahoma Legislators and will learn the importance of current issues and policies.

APPLY . . . TODAY

IT'S FREE! Oklahoma's electric cooperatives sponsor each student. Sponsorship covers: flight, room and board, tour admissions, meals and MORE!

POWERED BY OKLAHOMA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Scan the QR code to access the Oklahoma Youth Tour web page.
You will learn ALL THINGS Youth Tour and how to apply!



Rules for Rural Electric Cooperative's 2023 Youth Tour

How to enter:

1. Complete the entry form and essay.
2. Write and original speech of 600 to 800 words on the topic below.
3. Speeches must be typed and double-spaced on 8 ½" x 11" paper.
4. No name should appear on the manuscript but must be included on the cover sheet along with school name, teacher's name and contact information.
5. Contest papers must be turned in to your teacher by Wednesday, December 7, 2022.

Essay topic:

“What makes electric cooperatives different from other electric utilities? What is/are the biggest challenge(s) facing electric cooperatives today and how can cooperatives effectively meet those challenges?”

Judging: A panel of judges knowledgeable about electric cooperatives will evaluate and rank the essays. The top six essays will be finalists for this year's contest. Criteria for judging will be as follows:

Knowledge of subject – 40%	Includes a demonstrated understanding of material, relevance of information, direct understanding of subject
Strength of ideas – 25%	Includes recognizable point being made, solid support of your view
Style – 20%	Includes originality of approach, appealing presentation
Writing usage/grammar – 15%	Includes correct use of words, punctuation, spelling and sentence structure.

Final judging: Students who write the six highest scoring essays will be invited to give their speech at a banquet honoring REC's youth program winners. Judges will determine the winners of the all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. at that time.

Prizes: The top three finalists will be awarded an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for National Youth Tour Week, June 16 - 22, 2023. The three remaining finalists will be runners-up and will be awarded an all-expense paid trips to Steamboat Springs, Colorado for Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, July 14 - 20, 2023.

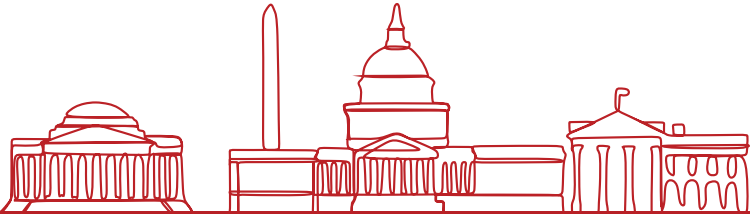
Note: Should any of the top three finalists be unable to attend Youth Tour, a runner-up (in the order of scoring) will then receive the trip. Also, family members (as defined in REC's Bylaws and Policies) of REC Trustees and Employees are not eligible to participate in the Youth Tour competition.

Questions concerning the speech, or the trips should be directed to the Member Services and Marketing Department of Rural Electric Cooperative in Lindsay at 405-756-3104 ext. 238.

Visit REC's website www.recok.coop for more information about Youth Tour.



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ENTRY FORM

I would like to qualify for the 2023 Oklahoma Youth Tour. I am a high school junior and understand the material I submit in this contest becomes the property of the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives for use at its discretion. I agree to abide by the rules of the contest and the judges.

STUDENT NAME:

STUDENT CELL:

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL:

HIGH SCHOOL:

**2ND PARENT/GUARDIAN
NAME/PHONE:**
