



# YOUTH TOUR 2018

June 8-14

## OHIO'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

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## What is Youth Tour?

Youth Tour is an annual leadership experience sponsored by Ohio's Electric Cooperatives and your local electric cooperative that gives exceptional high school sophomores and juniors the opportunity to attend an all-expenses-paid week-long trip to Washington, D.C.

If selected, you and more than 1,600 other students from around the country will meet in Washington in June. Once there, you'll get a chance to meet Ohio's congressional leaders and visit D.C.'s most impressive and historic sites.

## How is it different than other D.C. trips?

On school trips, you're surrounded by people you see every single day. On Youth Tour, you'll be meeting new people from all over the country, and seeing D.C. from a completely new perspective.

You'll also be learning about leadership and public service – and you'll learn how cooperatives put people before profits and make our country a better place.



## History of Youth Tour

Every June, year after year, high school students from small towns and rural areas all across the United States meet for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. If selected by your co-op, you'll join more than 50,000 people who have been a part of this amazing experience since it began more than 60 years ago.

Senator (and future president) Lyndon Johnson inspired the Youth Tour when he addressed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) annual meeting in Chicago in 1957. The senator declared, "If one thing goes out of this meeting, it will be sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually

see what the flag stands for and represents."

Then, beginning in 1957, some of the Texas electric cooperatives sent groups of young people to Washington to work during the summer in Senator Johnson's office and to learn more about government in action.

In 1958, rural electric cooperatives in Iowa sponsored the first group of 34 teenagers on a week-long study tour of the nation's capital.

Later that same year, another bus load of students from Illinois went to Washington, D.C. The idea grew, and other states sent bus loads of students throughout the summer. By 1959, Youth Tour had grown to 130 students.

In 1964, NRECA began to coordinate the program and suggested the cooperative representatives from each state arrange to be in Washington, D.C., during Youth Tour week.

More than a half-century later, Youth Tour continues to grow and flourish.

## While on Youth Tour, you will visit:

- Gettysburg Battlefield
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial
- World War II Memorial
- Jefferson Memorial
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial
- Mt. Vernon
- The White House
- Capitol Hill
- The Supreme Court
- Smithsonian Institution
- Marine Corps Memorial
- Lincoln Memorial
- Vietnam Memorial
- Arlington National Cemetery
- ...and many more historic sites!

