

Experience the Wonder of Washington  
*Free trips for high school juniors*

For over 40 years, electric cooperatives have sponsored high school students from across America to visit the nation's capitol and meet their members of congress. If you are a high school junior, you could be part of this tremendous opportunity.

During your all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. June 14-19, 2009, you'll have the opportunity to hook up with approximately 1500 other high school juniors from around the U.S. Students gain a personal understanding of American history and their role as a citizen by meeting their representative and senators and exploring the sights around the nation's capital. Don't be surprised if you run into a former Youth tour participant who is a congressional aide on Capitol Hill. Over 40,000 students from rural areas and small towns across America have participated in this unique program. It is an opportunity to make some great new friends and the experience of a lifetime.

You might also win a trip to Clark, Colorado, located just outside of Steamboat Springs in July. High school juniors from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming will gather at a beautiful resort located on the Elk River and spend the week at an outstanding leadership camp. You'll participate in activities to improve personal goals, set up and run your own cooperative and get an inside view of the state and national legislatures. There is plenty of time for swim parties, barbeques, dances, and banquets during the week. Many of the attendees call this camp a "life changing experience."

All you have to do to enter is write a 500-word essay on the following topic – *"Our Energy, Our Future" is a cooperative grassroots effort. Explain what it is trying to accomplish and if you feel it will, or will not, succeed in influencing energy legislation and, meet the qualifications listed below. Information can be found at [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop) and your own opinion is important. So have at it! Attach the entry form to your essay and send it to: MVEA, Attn: Deborah Skillicorn, P.O. Box 1600, Limon, CO 80828. Your parents or guardians must receive electric service from MVEA and you must be at least 16 years old by January 1, 2009. **Entries must be received or postmarked by November 16, 2008.***

Don't miss out on these two great trips! Call Deborah Skillicorn at 800-388-9881 ext. 2577 or go on line at [www.mvea.coop](http://www.mvea.coop) if you have questions. GOOD LUCK!

**ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

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Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ MVEA account #: \_\_\_\_\_

High school: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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