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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN SEEKS HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS FOR ANNUAL WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP

Rockford, MN (January 23, 2024) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) is seeking high school juniors to apply for a weeklong, all-expenses-paid leadership opportunity. The annual National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Tour will take place in Washington, D.C. from June 18-23.

The NRECA Youth Tour brings together more than 1,800 high school students from around the country. Attendees will spend a week visiting historical sites, making new friends, and enjoying once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to meet with Minnesota's political representatives. Students will learn firsthand about local and national government, and how electric cooperatives across America are affected by today's political decisions.

"The Youth Tour is an amazing opportunity to learn new things, grow as a person, and create future change. There is so much opportunity for learning on the Youth Tour," said past WH Youth Tour representative Bethany Yu. "I could not think of a better way to experience Washington D.C. I've made priceless memories and met amazing people. This trip has created future opportunities and opened doors for me. I know for sure that the Youth Tour trip and all the people I met along the way will have a lasting impact on me for years to come."

A sample itinerary, FAQ, and application can be found at bit.ly/WH-Youth-Tour. Applications are due March 1.

Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility that provides power to rural Wright County and western Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen to the area since 1937 and currently serves more than 59,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, Minn.



Youth Tour attendees in Washington, D.C.



Youth Tour attendees listen to a guest speaker on their weeklong trip to Washington, D.C.