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News Release

YOUTH TOUR TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AVAILABLE THROUGH WRIGHT-HENNEPIN

Rockford, Minn. (January 16, 2012) — Each year, Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) sponsors one high school junior from its electric service territory to attend the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program, which is held in Washington, D.C. More than 1,500 students from 43 states participate in the youth tour, and attendees are chosen by individual electric cooperatives across the nation.

The youth tour gives high school students a glimpse into how the nation's capital operates and a flavor for our nation's history. Students selected to participate in the program have the opportunity to travel to Capitol Hill to meet some of Minnesota's senators and representatives. Additionally, a full itinerary is planned for the students, which typically includes trips to the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials, Arlington Cemetery, Marine Sunset Parade, Smithsonian Museum and much more.

"I would recommend applying for this trip to anyone," said Hannah Buffie, who was selected to participate in last year's youth tour. "It's an experience unlike any other. It was awesome."

High school juniors are encouraged to submit an application for a chance to be selected to attend the all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. from June 15-22, 2012. Applications need to be postmarked by March 15, 2012 in order to be considered for this year's tour. To apply, go whe.org and click on "Community Involvement," then "Youth Tour" and download the application. More information about the program can be received by visiting youthtour.coop.

WH is a member-owned non-profit electric utility that provides electric power to Wright County and the western part of Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen in this area since 1937 and currently serves more than 46,000 electric

accounts. The utility started its security division in 1989 that provides local home security solutions as well as monitors alarm systems for more than 50,000 customers in 32 states and three Canadian provinces.

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