

Picture yourself
attending the

DEADLINE
Wednesday,
Jan. 6, 2010

NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC

YOUTH TOUR

June 12-18, 2010

High School
Juniors and Seniors...

You can win a
weeklong trip to Washington, D.C.



It's a week you'll never forget! Imagine a sunset cruise along the mighty Potomac River with hundreds of students from across the country to start off your week in D.C. Each day after that is filled with tours of historic monuments and museums like the Washington Monument, Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Smithsonian Museums and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. And it doesn't stop there. This all-expense-paid trip, compliments of Verendrye Electric Cooperative, includes an awesome Youth Day program and visits with North Dakota's congressional delegation. You'll learn about electric cooperatives, and why they care about young leaders like you.

So check it out at <http://www.youthtour.coop> and then write that winning essay and send it off to Verendrye Electric Cooperative by the Jan. 6, 2010 deadline. That's what Nicole Love from Minot did, and she won the all-expense-paid trip and the opportunity to represent Verendrye Electric Cooperative last June.

Essay contest guidelines for the Rural Electric Youth Tour:

- Students entering the contest must be a junior or senior in high school in the fall of 2010.
- The student and/or parent or guardian must be served by Verendrye Electric.
- The student must write an essay, not to exceed two standard 8 ½ - by 11-inch typewritten, double-spaced pages, on this topic: "**Touchstone Energy cooperatives have launched the 'Together We Save' campaign to promote energy efficiency and conservation nationwide. Why do you think energy efficiency and conservation are important**

priorities for electric co-ops and how can co-op members and communities achieve the savings in resources these priorities are intended to accomplish?"

- Essays may be submitted in either hard copy or electronic format to Verendrye Electric. Electronic submissions should conform to the two-page, double-spaced guideline described above. Each essay must be accompanied by a cover page displaying the student's name, date of birth, school and grade in 2010, parent or guardian's name, address and telephone number.
- Essays must arrive at Verendrye Electric no later than Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010. E-mailed entries should be directed to: randyjh@verendrye.com; hard-copy entries should be mailed to: Youth Tour Essay Contest, Verendrye Electric Cooperative, 615 Highway 52 West, Velva, ND 58790-7417.
- Essays will be evaluated and the winner selected by impartial, qualified judges.
- Direct inquiries about this competition to: Randy Hauck, Verendrye Electric, at the address listed above, or call (701) 338-2855 during regular business hours.

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