

American history right in front of you!

The idea came from President Lyndon B. Johnson who advocated for rural electrification and youth development. In 1957, when he was still a U.S. senator, Johnson suggested "sending youngsters to the nation's capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

This notion evolved into a nationwide effort to send youth on an organized, fun and educational trip in the 1960s. Now, over 50 years later, electric cooperatives from across the country send over 1,800 youth to the nation's capital every summer.

About my trip

"Wow. That was my first reaction as the bus pulled into the city. In fact, that was my reaction about the whole trip. In D.C., we got to see just about everything. From Capitol Hill, to the Lincoln memorial, to Arlington National Cemetery, to the Smithsonians, the Pentagon and even Mount Vernon. Every time we arrived at a new destination I was in awe and overwhelmed with emotion. Our schedule was jam packed. Our days started at about 7 a.m. and didn't end until 11 p.m. or later each day. To say the least, I was tired."

"This trip has taught me the importance of our history and honoring the things our country has gone through to get to where we are today. I have learned Washington D.C. in fact isn't all about politics and people arguing. It is about who we are as a country and it is a stance of strength. My trip has affected me in the most positive way. It has reminded me of the endless possibilities our country has to offer, but it has more than anything made me proud to be an American."

- Kianna Colaizzi, 2017 GVP Youth Tour Scholar



WASHINGTON D.C. YOUTH TOUR

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June 15-21, 2021

A trip of a lifetime...



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS & SENIORS!

You Could Spend a Week in Washington D.C. All Expenses Paid!

If you're a high school junior or senior whose family gets its power from Grand Valley Power, if you're smart or have big dreams of seeing the country, if you like history or want to shake hands with your congressman, if you've never flown in a plane but want to travel, if you want to meet new people from Colorado and across the country, then the Washington, D.C. Youth Tour is for you.

Candidates compete for a spot in the Washington, D.C. Youth Tour, a week-long all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by Grand Valley Power and organized by the Colorado Rural Electric Association, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the Colorado Electric Educational Institute.

Pack your bags, you've got a busy schedule:

DAY 1

- Meet in Denver to start our week together.
- Tour a co-op and learn more about electricity.
- Tour the Colorado State Capitol.
- Have dinner with a state legislator.



Colorado State Capitol

DAY 2

- Fly to Washington, D.C.
- Visit the Vietnam, Lincoln, & Korean Memorials.



Lincoln Memorial

DAY 3

- Participate in a Legislative Simulation.
- Visit Gettysburg.
- Visit the 9/11 and Air Force Memorials.
- Tour the Martin Luther King, Jefferson and FDR Memorials.



Gettysburg

DAY 4

- Visit Mt. Vernon.
- Visit Arlington National Cemetery.
- Enjoy a play at the Kennedy Center.



Mt. Vernon



Kennedy Center



Arlington National Cemetery

DAY 5

- Attend Youth Day with over 1,800 students from across the country.
- Visit Ford's Theater.
- Visit the National Cathedral.
- Visit the Archives & Navy Memorial.



National Cathedral

DAY 6

- Visit the Library of Congress.
- Visit your choice of Smithsonian museums.
- Visit the Holocaust Museum.
- Learn about cooperatives.



National Air and Space Museum

DAY 7

- Visit with U.S. Senators and Representatives.
- Tour the U.S. Capitol.
- Attend a dinner, dance, and career fair with students from across the country.



United States Capitol

DAY 8

- Say goodbye to Washington, D.C. and your new friends, say hello to life-long memories.



APPLY, NOW!

REQUIREMENTS

1. High school students* that are at least 16 years of age on or before the Youth Tour trip,
2. Dependents of parents or guardians that are members of Grand Valley Power.

*You must currently still be attending high school at the time of application. If you will graduate during the summer of 2021, you are still eligible to attend.

APPLY

Complete the 2021 Youth Tour Application by online submission (scan QR code) or print the PDF and fill out the required information.

Submit a typed essay (minimum length of 500 words) covering the following questions:

- Why do you want to attend the Washington D.C. Youth Tour or Camp?
- What are some of your hobbies, extracurricular activities, volunteer experiences or academic achievements that you would like us to know about?
- What do you hope to gain from this experience?

CONTACT

Contact Grand Valley Power to learn more about how to apply for the 2021 Washington, D.C. Youth Tour trip. This trip is valued at over \$2,500.

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