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Youth tour to Washington
sponsored by cooperatives

Thirty-five Louisiana high school students were sponsored by thirteen electric cooperatives on an expense paid “Government In Action” tour of Washington, D.C. These Louisiana students won this trip through an essay contest sponsored by their local electric cooperative or through 4-H activities.

More than 1,200 students from 36 states attended the annual program. The Louisianians joined some 700 other boys and girls from 17 states during the first week of the conference. The tour was coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

To begin the trip to Washington, the 35 Louisiana students met in Baton Rouge where they toured Cajun Electric Power Cooperative’s “Big Cajun II” power generating plant in New Roads, Louisiana. The students learned how electricity is generated and transmitted to their homes. Upon returning to Baton Rouge, they were given a tour of the Governor’s Mansion and the Louisiana State Capitol. In Washington, D.C., they toured historical sites such as the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, the Viet Nam Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian, the National Archives, Mount Vernon and many other sites. They spent a day on Capitol Hill touring the U.S. Capitol and having lunch with their Congressmen. These outstanding students were also given a special VIP tour of Senator Breaux and Senator Johnston’s offices. Other senators met the students to take pictures with them. NRECA sponsored the Rural Youth Day where the students participated with other states in an educational session on rural electric cooperatives. Phillip Dees, sponsored by Valley Electric Membership Corp. of Natchitoches, was chosen to participate in the Energy Quiz. The quiz is fashioned after popular television quiz shows. The youths also met with representatives from each of the presidential campaigns and with rural electric leaders including NRECA President Jay York and Assistant General Manager Roy Palk.

The Louisiana delegation selected Tracy Waller of Oscar, Louisiana (who was sponsored on this trip by Pointe Coupee Electric Cooperative) to represent Louisiana on the NRECA Youth Consulting Board. As a delegate on this board, Tracy was assigned to the Youth Tour Committee. This committee will return to Washington in June of 1993 to assist the NRECA staff during the Youth Tour and to present an educational session to the other students. She will also attend the National Rural Electric Cooperative’s Annual Meeting in February 1993 in Dallas, Texas.

Other students representing Louisiana’s electric cooperatives on the 1992 Youth Tour and their sponsors are as follows:

Beauregard Electric, DeRidder: Melissa Ham, MaryAnn Pitre.
Claiborne Electric, Homer: Lynde Durbin.
Concordia Electric, Ferriday: Charlene Miller and Ashley Kenney.
DEMCO, Baton Rouge: Josh Belgard, Dana Jones, Kelli Lovett, Kristie Scivicque and Ashley Toler.
Jefferson-Davis Electric Cooperative, Jennings: Kristy Broussard and Auldien LeBlanc, Jr.
South La. Electric, Houma: Jodie Boudreaux and Brant Pitre.
SLEMCO, Lafayette: Aimee Legrand, Jennifer Boudreaux and Carl Huval.
Teche Electric, Jeanerette: Sarah Romero and Guy Guidry.
Valley Electric, Natchitoches: Kelli Dumas, Alicia McMellon, Phillip Dees, Jr. and Casey Stokes.

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