

2024 GOVERNMENT-IN-ACTION YOUTH TOUR MEMORY BOOK



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Congratulations on being selected to represent your co-op on the 2024 Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

You are now part of a select group of high school students from electric cooperatives across the U.S. who have participated in this program through the generations. Many of those participants are now in leadership positions in local, state and national government as a result of their experiences in our nation's capital. Many more say it was a turning point in their lives that led them to service careers in health care, justice and education. We hope this experience will enrich your life, as well.

During this trip, you will visit congressional representatives from your district in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. You will tour the halls of the U.S. Supreme Court, the guardian of our Constitution and freedoms. You will see awe-inspiring historical shrines, such as the Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.

While in Washington, you are a privileged ambassador for your community, for Texas and for the electric cooperative program. We are very proud of you.

On behalf of the electric cooperatives of Texas, we commend you and wish you safe travels.

Sincerely,



Mike Williams
President/CEO



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Itinerary

SUNDAY, June 16

- Arrival in Austin | Registration
- Orientation
- Dinner



MONDAY, June 17

- Arrive in Washington, D.C.
- Tour National Cathedral
- Dinner at National Harbor



TUESDAY, June 18

- Breakfast at Delia's in Old Town Alexandria
- Visit Museum of the Bible and Holocaust Museum
- Pizza picnic at National Mall
- Tour memorials
- Iwo Jima Parade



WEDNESDAY, June 19

- Breakfast at Delia's in Old Town Alexandria
- Visit and lunch at Mount Vernon
- Tour Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Thomas Jefferson memorials
- NRECA Youth Day activities



THURSDAY, June 20

- Breakfast at Potomac District Café & Market
- Photo session on Capitol Hill
- Visit congressional representatives | Tour U.S. Capitol
- Lunch on Capitol Hill
- Visit Supreme Court and Library of Congress
- NRECA Farewell Event



FRIDAY, June 21

- Breakfast at McDonald's
- Photo session at the White House
- Visit and lunch at the Smithsonians
- Potomac River boat cruise and dance on the Inner Harbor Spirit



SATURDAY, June 22

- Breakfast at Potomac District Café & Market
- Tour Arlington National Cemetery
- Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Performance at Kennedy Center
- Dinner at KC Café at the Kennedy Center



SUNDAY, June 23

- Return to Austin
- Farewell celebration dinner and talent show
- Texas Boot Scootin' Dance

MONDAY, June 24

- Farewells
- Check out at TEC Youth Tour registration desk



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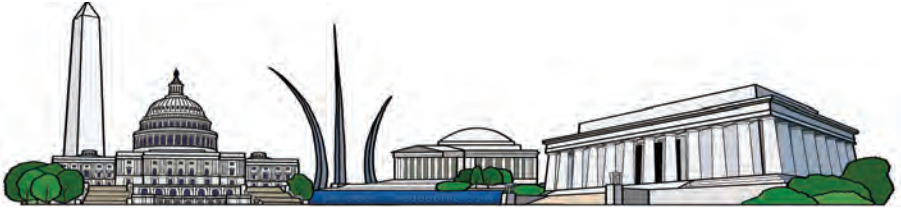
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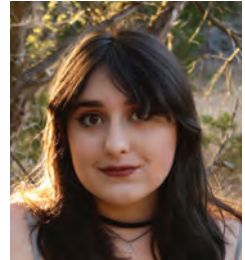
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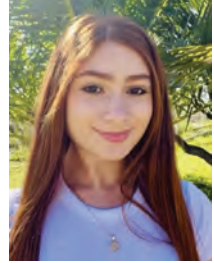
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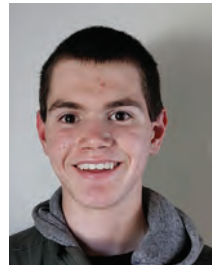
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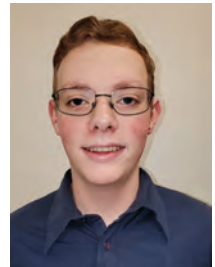
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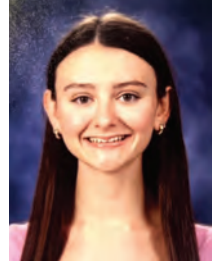
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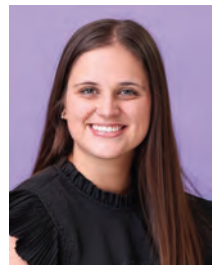
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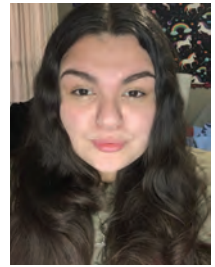
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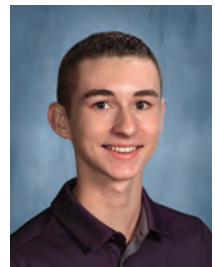
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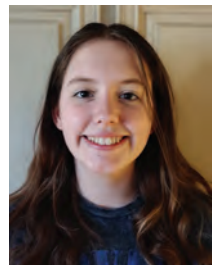
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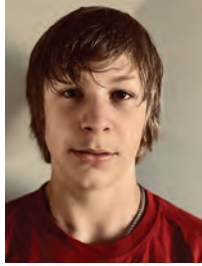
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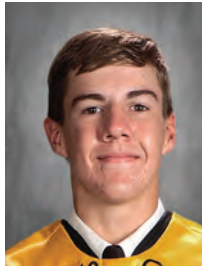
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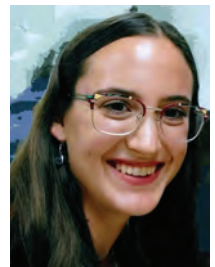
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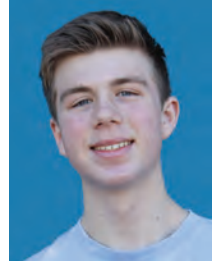
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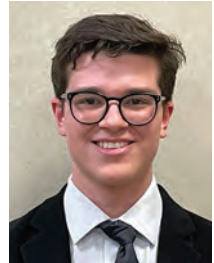
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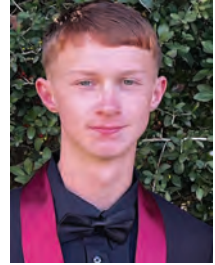
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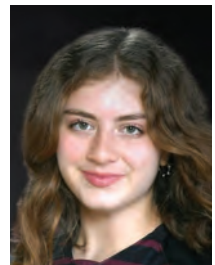
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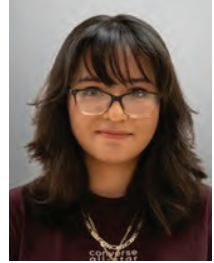
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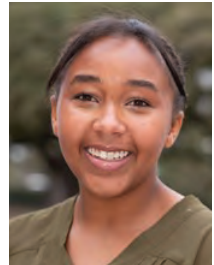
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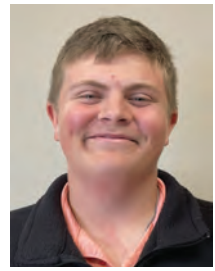
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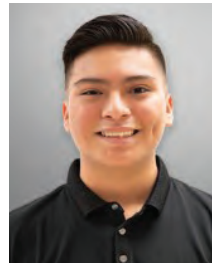
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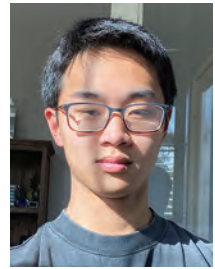
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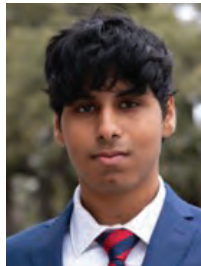
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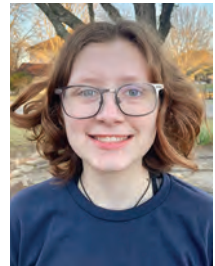
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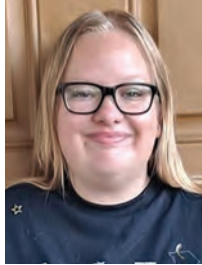
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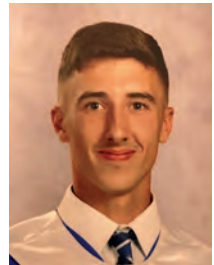
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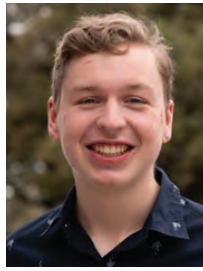
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U.S. History Trivia

1. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?
2. The United States bought Alaska from which country?
3. Which era marked a switch from agricultural practices to industrial practices?
4. What was the name of the series of programs and projects President Franklin D. Roosevelt enacted during The Great Depression?
5. The 19th Amendment guaranteed the right to vote to who?
6. Which four presidents are on Mount Rushmore?
7. What do the stripes on the American flag represent?
8. Which two Native American leaders led Lakota Sioux and Cheyenne warriors in the fight against Lieutenant Colonel George Custer's troops in the Battle of Little Bighorn?
9. What was the name of the landmark Supreme Court case that ruled the racial segregation of schools unconstitutional?
10. The "shot heard 'round the world" describes the beginning of which battles in the American Revolution?
11. Who was the first Black Supreme Court justice in the United States?
12. Who was the first American to win a Noble Peace Prize?
13. What country did the U.S. men's Olympic hockey team defeat in the semi-finals of the 1980 Winter Olympics, a game commonly known as the "Miracle on Ice"?
14. What year did the internet become available to the public?
15. What U.S. government department was created in the wake of the September 11 attacks?
16. At what location did the Battle of Bunker Hill actually take place?
17. How many children did the Father of our Country George Washington father?
18. When was the last time the Liberty Bell was rung?
19. What is the name of George Washington's Virginia Estate?
20. What was the first National Park created under Ulysses S. Grant?
21. Which important U.S. figure does not appear on both a U.S. coin and banknote?
22. What achievement is Amelia Earhart best known for?
23. True or false: There was a contest with a \$500 prize to design the first Capitol?
24. What are the soldiers in the Korean War Veterans Memorial made of?
25. What do the columns on the Lincoln Memorial represent?
26. How many Martin Luther King quotes are on his monument?
27. True or false: The MLK Monument was made in China?
28. What's the name of the dog in the FDR Memorial?
29. How many museums make up the Smithsonian?
30. The original stone for the Washington Monument was from a quarry in what state?



1. August 2, 1776. 2. Russia. 3. The Industrial Revolution. 4. The New Deal. 5. Women. 6. George Washington. Abraham Lincoln. Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt. 7. The original 13 colonies. 8. Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull. 9. Brown v. Board of Education. 10. The Battles of Lexington and Concord. 11. Thurgood Marshall. 12. Theodore Roosevelt. 13. The Soviet Union. 14. 1993. 15. The Department of Homeland Security. 16. Breed's Hill. 17. Zero. 18. 1846 for George Washington's birthday. 19. Mount Vernon. 20. Yellowstone National Park. 21. Benjamin Franklin. 22. First female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. 23. True. 24. Stainless steel. 25. Each of the states in the Union at the time of Lincoln's death. 26. Fourteen. 27. True. 28. Fala. 29. Fourteen. 30. Texas.

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Texas, our Texas! All hail the mighty state!
Texas, our Texas! So wonderful, so great!
Boldest and grandest, withstanding ev'ry test
O empire wide and glorious, you stand supremely blest.

(chorus)

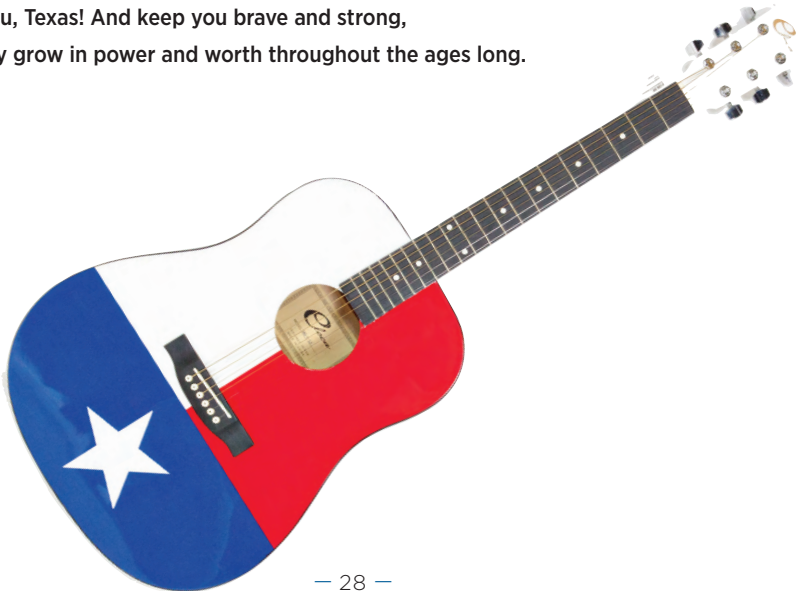
Texas, O Texas! Your freeborn single star
Sends out its radiance to nations near and far,
Emblem of freedom! It set our hearts aglow
With thoughts of San Jacinto and glorious Alamo.

(chorus)

Texas, dear Texas! From tyrant grip now free,
Shines forth in splendor, your star of destiny!
Mother of heroes, we come your children true,
Proclaiming our allegiance, our faith, our love for you.

Chorus

God bless you, Texas! And keep you brave and strong,
That you may grow in power and worth throughout the ages long.
God bless you, Texas! And keep you brave and strong,
That you may grow in power and worth throughout the ages long.



The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You

The eyes of Texas are upon you
All the livelong day

The eyes of Texas are upon you
And you cannot get away

Do not think you can escape them
From night 'til early in the morn

The eyes of Texas are upon you
'Til Gabriel blows his horn

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Deep in the Heart of Texas

The stars at night—are big and bright
Deep in the heart of Texas
The prairie sky—is wide and high
Deep in the heart of Texas

The sage in bloom—is like perfume
Deep in the heart of Texas
Reminds me of—the one I love
Deep in the heart of Texas

The cowboys cry—ki-yip-pie-yi
Deep in the heart of Texas
The rabbits rush—around the brush
Deep in the heart of Texas

The coyotes wail—along the trail
Deep in the heart of Texas
The dogies bawl—and bawl and bawl
Deep in the heart of Texas



Youth Tour Legacy

Past participants are still talking about their experiences.
Hear from Youth Tour delegates who have gone before.

“We were up there [at Arlington National Cemetery] after Kennedy’s assassination, and another person on the tour and I got to lay a wreath on his grave, and it was one of the most wonderful experiences in my life to this day.”

Ethel (Mabry) Ellison
Lighthouse EC, 1965



“One of the first historical sights we visited in Washington was the Lincoln Memorial. Before leaving, the Texas delegation gathered on the front steps and sang *America the Beautiful*, much to the surprise of the other tourists. It seemed like the only appropriate thing to do, for each of us had suddenly become aware of a closeness to our country and to each other that we never felt before.”

Paulett (Tielsch) Renfro
Fayette EC, 1970





“I walked across the street to the Supreme Court. I lucked out; the court was in session, and I was permitted to sit on the back row and witness oral arguments. I was in awe. My lasting impression of the tour is the openness of our government—how ordinary citizens can access justice and impact decision-makers.”

Carrie Campbell (a practicing lawyer since 1995) | Pedernales EC, 1985

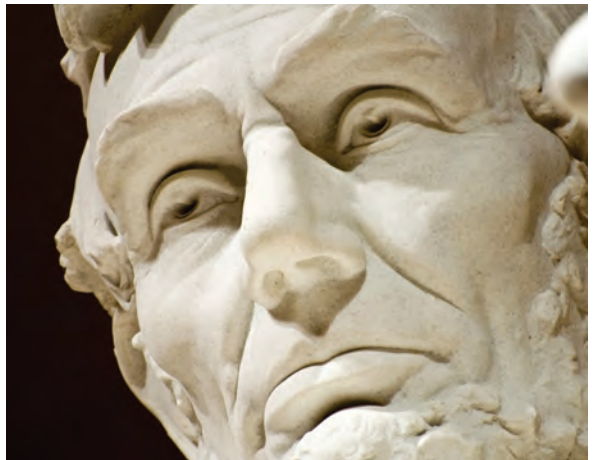


“It was a really moving experience to witness the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon perform at the Sunset Parade at the Iwo Jima Memorial. We had been hustling and bustling all week long, and suddenly, we were silent, captivated. It was one of the most patriotic things I'd ever seen. These men have made a promise to protect this country, and to see that discipline in beautiful action and precision was amazing.”

Ashley Clary-Carpenter | Medina EC, 1996

“One of the most impactful [memories] was seeing the Washington Monument from the Lincoln Memorial, with the serene Reflecting Pool separating the two. Standing there and thinking about all the historical figures who had walked those same grounds, it truly impacted me in a way that is hard to describe. To this day, when I see a movie or photograph with those landmarks, I realize how lucky I was that Fayette Electric Cooperative chose me to go on this trip.”

Stacey Kovar | Fayette EC, 2004





“The Smithsonian was just amazing. I wished I could have spent the whole time there, exploring, but there is so much to see in D.C.!”

Amanda Jo Harman Ritchey
Swisher EC, 1996

“Seeing all the names of soldiers [on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall] who sacrificed everything for our freedom gave me chills. You could see people looking for past family members’ names, and it felt like the past soldiers talked to you as you walked the memorial. The statues in the middle of the memorial create such an image in your mind, especially at nighttime when the lights in the garden come on. The names have a soft glow that just makes for a serene sight that will take your breath away.”

Kassidy Martin | Swisher EC, 2006



“While sitting in the gallery [of the House of Representatives], I had the great opportunity of witnessing the inauguration of Rep. Ron Barber to complete the remainder of Rep. Gabrielle Gifford’s term. Not only did I see the representatives while they were working, but I was able to see a piece of history being made.”

Kalie Pietsch | Fayette EC, 2012

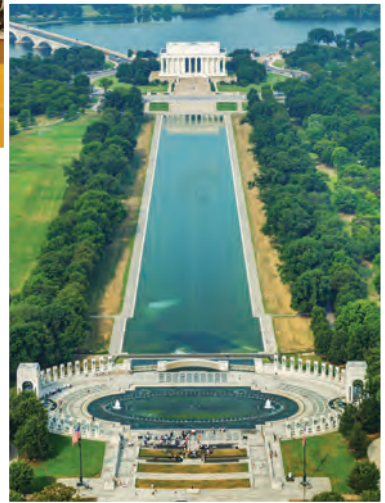
“Walking through [the Holocaust Memorial Museum] and seeing everything that they went through, it just caused silence. To go in there after being so loud and crazy and having fun, and just hearing that silence, it was really humbling. That small voice that I heard when I looked at every picture and every article was telling me to think. I wish I could live this experience over and over again.”

Sarah Branham
Swisher EC, 2012



“During one of the White House visits, we had been waiting on the South Lawn for a long time for the president to arrive. A door to the White House suddenly springs open ... and out walks a Youth Tour participant, escorted by the Secret Service. He had had to go to the restroom. How many people can say they went to the restroom in the White House?”

Dennis Engelke
TEC Youth Tour director, 1976–2000



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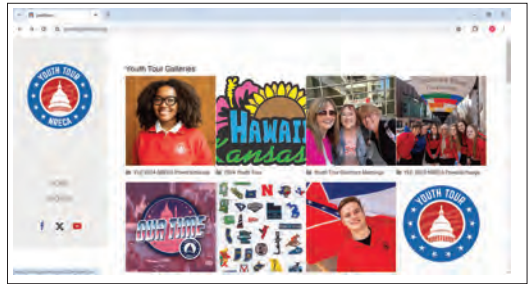
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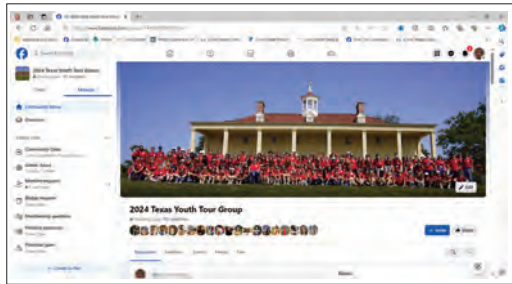
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