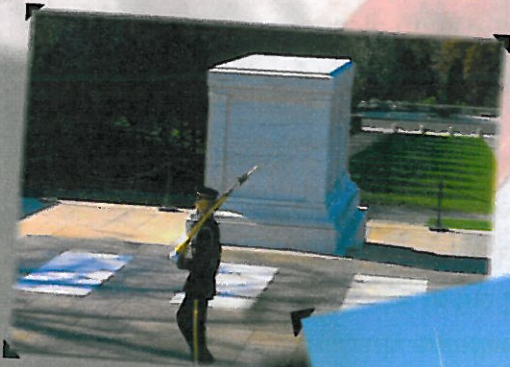


The Trip of a Lifetime!

Big Country Electric Cooperative (BCEC) pays all the expenses for your trip and Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC) coordinates the events.

The 2012 Youth Tour dates are June 14-22, 2012. Contact BCEC or your high school counselor for an application today!

When they told me it would be the "trip of a lifetime," they definitely made a believer out of me.
-John Hensley



"[An] awe-inspiring site was that of Arlington National Cemetery, where over 300,000 graves represent the sacrifice we have given for freedom. Also seeing the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the eternal flame, and witnessing the changing of the guard at the Cemetery were also amazing."

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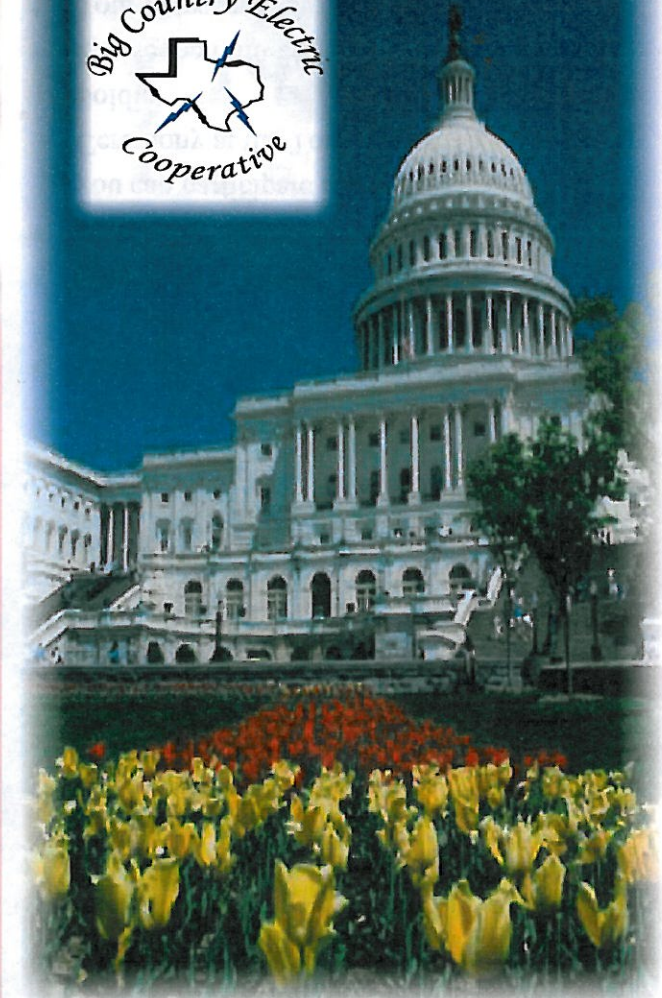
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Government-In-Action Youth Tour 2012



**If you're a Sophomore, Junior or Senior, you're eligible!
Look inside to find out more!**

Here's the Scoop:

WHAT is the contest?

Give a six to eight minute speech on the subject, "What role should government play in the regulation of the energy industry?" and answer one trivia question from a list that will be provided to you.

WHEN and WHERE will it be held?

Monday, February 20, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Roby High School Auditorium.

WHO is eligible?

ANY STUDENT currently enrolled as a sophomore, junior or senior in the Big Country Electric Cooperative (BCEC) service area except BCEC employees' or directors' children or immediate family.

HOW do I sign up?

Entry forms are available from your counselor or principal and at each BCEC office:

Roby: 1010 W. South 1st

Snyder: 1600 McCowen

Stamford: 225 W. McHarg

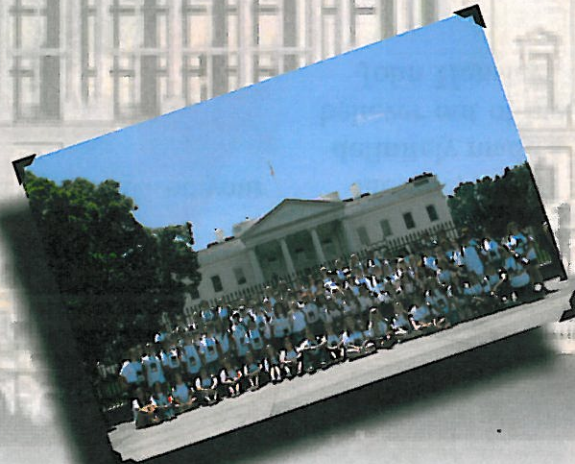
Entry deadline is Friday, February 10, 2012.

All entries must be returned to a BCEC office by 5:00 p.m.



"My experience in Washington is one I'll never forget. This has to be the most amazing experience I've had in my life. Seeing all of the monuments and historical places that I had only seen in textbooks had an amazing effect on me." Rachel Pruitt

"It's definitely a trip of a lifetime. I am so thankful I had the opportunity to participate. Going on this trip made me proud to be a Texan." Jordan Sorrells



Up to three winners will be selected to take a 9 day, all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC June 14-22, 2012! To make this once-in-a-lifetime trip even better, BCEC will award \$1,500 scholarships to each winner and one runner up.

While in our nation's capitol, you'll visit many landmarks such as:

- ◆ Pentagon City Mall
- ◆ Old Town Alexandria
- ◆ Mount Vernon
- ◆ Lincoln, World War II, Vietnam, Korean, Jefferson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorials
- ◆ Holocaust, National Air & Space and Smithsonian Museums
- ◆ Washington Monument
- ◆ Arlington National Monument where you can participate in the Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- ◆ Cruise the Potomac River
- ◆ Tour House and Senate Chambers, Capitol Hill, the Supreme Court and Library of Congress, Fords Theatre and the National Cathedral
- ◆ the White House