

Attention High School Sophomores and Juniors Win a Trip to Washington D.C.

Codington-Clark Electric will once again sponsor a high school sophomore or junior on an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Each June, over 1,800 high school students travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Rural Electric Youth Tour. Throughout the week, participants will explore about Washington, D.C., learning about government, cooperative philosophy and rural electrification. The students are selected and sponsored by their local rural electric cooperatives with the South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA) coordinating the trip for South Dakota students.

Tour highlights include the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, U.S. Capitol, Ford's Theatre, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Iwo Jima Statue, National Archives, U.S Supreme Court, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial among other exciting sites. Students will also participate in a briefing with the South Dakota Congressional Delegation and a river boat cruise across the Potomac River.

Who is Eligible? All area high school sophomores and juniors whose parents are members of Codington-Clark Electric.

What Does It Cost? Codington-Clark Electric, along with the other participating local electric cooperatives fully fund the tour. The tour covers each participant's transportation, accommodations, meals, entertainment, and sightseeing events. Students are required to provide their spending money (for snacks, souvenirs, etc.).

When is it Held? The weeklong trip will take place from June 14-20, 2026. Participants will meet for an orientation meeting on Sunday, June 14 at the Sioux Valley Energy Office in Brandon, S.D. The group will then bus to Minneapolis and then fly the next morning to D.C. on Monday, June 15, and return to South Dakota on Saturday, June 20. A commercial bus will be used for transportation while in D.C.

How do I Qualify? Complete the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., application form available at the schools or Codington-Clark Electric's website, www.ccelectric.coop. Submit the completed application form to Codington-Clark Electric before the November 1, 2025, deadline.

For more information, Contact: Codington-Clark Electric at 605-886-5848.



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YOUTH TOUR

Join students from across South Dakota for a free, once-in-a-lifetime trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by Codington-Clark Electric.

Contact Codington-Clark Electric at 605-886-5848 or www.ccelectric.coop for more details and application information! Application deadline: Nov. 1, 2025.