

High school juniors accepted to SECPA programs

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LA JUNTA – The Southeast Colorado Power Association has announced that three southeast Colorado youth have been selected to take part in special summer programs that help youth learn about electric cooperatives and develop leadership skills.

Both programs were open to high school students who are at least 16 years old by June 1, 2009, and whose families are SECPA members.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Washington, D.C. Youth Tour is scheduled for June 11-18, 2009. SECPA is sending Garrett Grasmick, a junior at Rocky Ford High School. The week in Washington, D.C., will provide in-depth exposure to the electric cooperative network while exploring our nation's capitol. All expenses – including airfare, lodging and meals – will be paid by SECPA. Activities planned during the week include tours of the U.S. Capitol, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam and Iwo Jima Memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, National Archives, the White House and Smithsonian museums and more. Grasmick will also have the opportunity to meet with Colorado's U.S. senators and representatives and to connect with other students from around the nation.

In addition to the Washington, D.C., youth tour, SECPA is sponsoring the 2009 Colorado Electric Education Institute Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp July 11-17, 2009. This camp is held near Steamboat Springs and is an excellent opportunity for youth to learn about electric cooperatives, government and to build on communication and leadership skills. SECPA will sponsor Jacob Irsik and Jade Meinzer, both students at Edison High School in Yoder.