

High school juniors encouraged to apply for SECPA programs

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LA JUNTA – The Southeast Colorado Power Association is encouraging area high school juniors to apply for two special programs that help youth learn about electric cooperatives and develop leadership skills.

Both programs are open to high school students who are at least 16 years old by June 1, 2012, and whose families are SECPA members.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Washington, D.C. Youth Tour is scheduled for June 14-21, 2012. 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. Those accepted for the event will 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 2012 Colorado Electrical Education Institute Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp July 15-20, 2012. 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 two students to the 2011 camp.

Anyone wanting more information on either program is encouraged to contact Jack Wolfe at (719) 384-2551. To register for either program, log onto the SECPA Web site at www.secpa.com and go into the community folder. Fill-in-the-blank forms are available for both programs. They should be sent back to Southeast Colorado Power, PO Box 521, La Junta, CO 81050, attention: Jack Wolfe.

Applications for both programs are due by Jan. 13, 2012.