



2008 Government – In – Action Youth Tour

HILCO Electric Cooperative, Inc. is again sponsoring the Rural Electric Youth Tour. Over the years, we have sponsored the Youth Tour and sent 35 of the brightest and most outstanding young people of our area on an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. We are happy to announce the contest for the 2008 Youth Tour is officially underway.

Each year in June, the Rural Electric Youth Tour sends over one thousand high school students from towns and small cities all over rural America on a trip to Washington, D.C. The students are sponsored on this trip because their rural electric cooperatives think education is important—education about rural electric companies and education about America.

The purpose of the tour is to provide opportunity for outstanding young people:

- ◆ To better understand the value of rural electrification;
- ◆ To become more familiar with the historical and political environment of the nation's capitol through visits to monuments, government buildings and cooperative organizations;
- ◆ To visit elected officials and better understand how the federal government works.

The 2008 Essay Contest is open to any Junior or Senior who **attend a high school in HILCO service area.*** Students must write an 500 word essay detailing "What it means to them to be American." Papers are due into HILCO's office by 5 pm on March 12, 2008.

Each year, HILCO Representatives present the Youth Tour program to area schools. The presentation includes a video, various handouts, and a brief summary of the Youth Tour and we are available to answer any questions the students or teachers may have.

If you have questions, need more information, or would like to schedule a presentation, please call me at 254-687-2331 or 1-800-338-6425 extension 2210.

We hope you will again help us by sharing the information about this fantastic opportunity to your students, so they can compete in the essay contest. This is their chance to win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. We look forward to seeing many essays in this year's contest.

Sincerely,

Bob Wilson
Marketing/ Public Relation Coordinator

Enclosure

* Students are not required to be HILCO members