



# CONTINENTAL DIVIDE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Dear Student,

It's that time again for high school students across the state to compete for a weeklong, paid trip to Washington, D.C.

The annual Government-In-Action Youth Tour is the result of a collaboration between electric cooperatives statewide, the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

The purpose of the contest is to educate the co-op members' youth on the history and importance of electric cooperatives. The purpose of the trip is to give you an opportunity to tour our nation's Capitol and the many historical treasures in the Washington area – national monuments, museums, and of course Capitol Hill.

This year, the tour is scheduled for the week of **June 13-19, 2009**. Two high school juniors (and an alternate) who live in Continental Divide's service area will be chosen to represent the co-op.

The competition is open to high school juniors whose parents or legal guardians are active members and consumers of Continental Divide Electric (See rules enclosed). Contestants are required to write a 500-word essay answering the question:

**“How can our nation meet growing energy needs while at the same time addressing climate change and keeping electricity affordable for everyone?”**

Entry forms and essays must be received by CDEC no later than **Jan. 23, 2009**. Winners will be announced **Feb. 2**.

Best Regards,

Mac Juarez  
Member Services Representative