



Colquitt EMC Accepting Applications for Washington Youth Tour



Colquitt EMC is accepting applications from area high school juniors to select 2 students to represent the co-op as delegates for the Washington Youth Tour. The week-long once-in-a-lifetime leadership trip offers participants the opportunity to experience U.S. government and U.S. history up-close while having fun, making new friends, and gaining leadership skills.

Colquitt EMC's delegates will join more than 110 teens from other EMCs across Georgia to represent the state during the 2019 Washington Youth Tour to be held June 13-20, 2019.

The fast-paced, high-energy program is designed to give students a taste of democracy in action, expose them to the nation's rich history through visits to national monuments and museums, and encourage students to become politically aware.

The tour begins in Georgia where students get to know each other before boarding an airplane and flying to Washington, D.C. where they connect with

more than 1,800 students from across the country. Plans are in the works to cruise down the Potomac River; lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery; meet with Georgia's U.S. senators and representatives; take photos outside the White House and tour the U.S. Supreme Court, the United States Capitol, Mount Vernon and the National Cathedral.

Students will visit memorials honoring Presidents Franklin Roosevelt, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington; Martin Luther King Jr.; World War II; the Korean and Vietnam Veterans memorials; and watch the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and the Silent Drill Platoon perform at the Marine Memorial (Iwo Jima statue) as well as spend time at the Smithsonian, Newseum and Holocaust Museums.

Applications are available at any of our Colquitt EMC offices or www.colquittemc.com.

The deadline to apply is March 1, 2019.



John Henry Walker, Cook County
Kirk Beacham, Colquitt County
Colquitt EMC 2018 Washington Youth Tour Delegates

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Colquitt EMC is currently accepting applications for the Walter Harrison Scholarship

A program sponsored by Georgia's electric cooperatives



The \$1,000 scholarship can be applied to academic expenses at any accredited two- or four-year college or university in Georgia, including technical colleges. Factors for consideration include grade point average, SAT/ COMPASS scores, academic standing, scholastic honors and financial need. Students applying for the scholarship must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program, complete an application, and write a biographical sketch which provides a preview of his or her future plans. Applications are available at any Colquitt EMC office or visit www.colquittemc.com.

Completed applications are due by February 1, 2019.

BURN WITH CARE... AVOID TROUBLE.

ATTENTION: Use firebreaks around any utility poles on land that will be burned under controlled conditions. By using a firebreak to protect utility poles, you can help Colquitt EMC save thousands of dollars in repair costs. Also, you can avoid potential safety problems resulting from burned poles.

-Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Electric Vehicles (EVs): The perfect second car

By the year 2020 sales of electric vehicles (EVs) are estimated to exceed 1 million cars. Many automobile manufacturers now include an electrically powered vehicle in their product line. Though few families choose an EV as their only car, many two-car families are discovering the incredible value and convenience of making their second vehicle electric. Driving an EV offers the following benefits:

Savings - For every mile driven, it costs on average half as much to drive an EV compared to a standard gasoline-powered vehicle. Since EVs do not have oil, coolant, belts or spark plugs maintenance is a fraction of the cost of gasoline-powered vehicles.

Convenience - An EV charger can be installed at your home garage. Thanks to the 100 +mile per charge range typical of many new EVs most families fully charge their vehicle overnight at home and never need to look for a public charger. Imagine the convenience and time savings of never having to go to a gas station. In addition to the convenience of charging at your own home, there are over 34,000 public Level 1 and Level 2 chargers in the United States for longer road trips.

Smart technology - Some ENERGY STAR certified EV charger models have Wi-Fi technology to allow for remote power monitoring, scheduling, and control of the charging state of the connected vehicle.

Electric vehicles do not produce any emissions, run quiet and have impressive acceleration. With so many pluses it's easy to see why an EV makes for the perfect second car.



Did You Know? Electric vehicles like the car shown above can have a range of 238 miles.

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10 Quick Tips to Avoid High Winter Bills

Looking to lower your bills this winter? Use the 10 tips below to conserve energy.

1



Seal air leaks and insulate well to prevent heat from escaping and cold air from entering your home.

2



Reduce waste heat by installing a programmable thermostat.

3



Turn off lights when not in use.

4



Lower your water heater temperature. The Dept. of Energy recommends using the warm setting (120 degrees) during fall and winter months.

5



Unplug electronics like kitchen appliances and TVs when you're away.

6



Open blinds and curtains during the day to allow sunlight in to warm your home.

7



Close blinds and curtains at night to keep cold, drafty air out.

8



Use power strips for multiple appliances, and turn off the main switch when you're away from home.

9



Wash clothes in cold water, and use cold-water detergent whenever possible.

10



Replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, which use at least 75 percent less energy.

Recipes of the Month



New Year's Good Luck Soup

INGREDIENTS

Serves: 6-8

- 1 1/2 lbs ground sausage
- 1 large onions, chopped
or 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 (15 ounce) cans black-eyed peas, rinsed
and drained
- 2-3 cups cabbage, chopped
- 2 cups water
- 2 (14 1/2 ounce) cans stewed tomatoes
- 1 (10 ounce) can diced tomatoes with
green chilies
- 1 tablespoon beef bouillon granules
- 1 tablespoon molasses or honey
(may substitute brown sugar)
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

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DIRECTIONS

In a large stock pot or Dutch oven, brown sausage along with onion and garlic. When the sausage browned add all of the other ingredients and mix well. Bring up to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer and cook for 45 minutes to an hour.

If you want to do this in your slow cooker. Brown the sausage with the onion and garlic first in a skillet. When browned place the meat with the other ingredients in a 5 - 6 quart slow cooker and cook on low 6-8 hours or on high for 3-4 hours.

Serve with your favorite cornbread.