



2010 RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH TOUR ESSAY CONTEST RULES

1. The contest is open to any high school junior who will be a senior next year and who is attending one of the schools within Woodruff Electric's area of service, including any high school in the counties of Woodruff, Cross, St. Francis, Lee, Phillips, Monroe, and the town of Des Arc.
2. Those qualified must submit an essay of at least 300 words pertaining to the subject of how rural electrification has affected lives and economic growth from the 1930's through the present and its likely effects on the future. The writer may choose his or her own title and may use written materials for reference. Writer is encouraged to conduct interviews with individuals who lived before electric service was widely available.
3. Essays should be mailed or delivered to: "Youth Tour Contest", Woodruff Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 1619 Forrest City, AR 72336. **All entrees must be received by Monday, March 22, 2010.** On a separate sheet attached to the essay, include your name, your parents' or guardians' name and address, your school name and address, and how you learned of the contest.
4. An independent panel of judges will select two winners from all essays received. The two winners and their school will be notified promptly. Judging will be based on research, composition, clearness, subject knowledge and grammar.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Rural Electric Youth Tour is part of a national program involving 37 states and 1400 participants. Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation and the 17 electric distribution cooperatives sponsor the Arkansas group. All expenses are paid including meals and lodging. There will be two winners selected by Woodruff Electric from its service area. The Arkansas group, approximately 44 students in all, and their six chaperones will travel to Washington, D.C. by chartered bus and return by airplane. The tour will begin in Little Rock on June 9 and end on June 17.

For questions contact Carl Horton, Member Services Department of Woodruff Electric Cooperative at 870-633-2262.