

General Information about New Enterprise Rural Electric Co-op, Inc.

- * The Cooperative General Manager is Rick L. Eichelberger.
- * The governing body of the Cooperative is the Board of Directors.
- * There are eight members on the Cooperative's board.
- * The president of the board is Leroy Walls.
- * New Enterprise REC serves approximately 3,500 meters.
- * New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. was incorporated November 1938.
- * Each consumer-member of New Enterprise REC pays a \$5.00 membership fee.
- * Youth Tour students are required to speak at the Co-op's Annual Meeting. The meeting is held each June at the Northern Bedford High School, Loysburg.
- * Only people who have paid a \$5.00 membership fee are invited to the Annual Meeting.
- * At the Annual Meeting consumer-members and guests are served an all-you-can-eat turkey dinner by the NBC band members and parents. Later in the evening reports are heard from the General Manager, Board President, and the previous year's Youth Tour students.. Elections are held for those directors whose terms have expired. The evening ends with the drawing for door prizes.
- * New Enterprise REC serves portions of Bedford, Fulton and Huntingdon counties.
- * The Cooperative's Web site is: www.newenterpriserec.com.
- * About 1/3 of the cooperative's meters are read by automatic meter reading devices (AMI). These meters call the co-op's office on the 25th of each month with the readings. In the future all accounts will have AMIs installed. For those that do not have an AMI now consumer-members read their own meters and submit these readings by mail, e-mail, fax, phone, Web site or by coming into the office.
- * Check out the Youth Tour Web site: www.youthtour.coop for more information about this once in a lifetime trip to Washington DC.
- * Office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday- Friday.
- * The Cooperative's phone number is 814-766-3221 or 800-270-3177.
- * More information can be obtained at our Web site or by calling or coming to the office.

Contest Rules and Regulations

- The New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative's Youth Tour is open to any high school junior from Northern Bedford, Tussey Mt, Forbes Road, Southern Huntingdon, private school or home schooled whose parent(s) or legal guardian is a member of the Co-op.
- If you are interested in attending the 2010 Youth Tour, please call Brawna at 814-766-3221 or 800-270-3177 x 224 or e-mail her at bsell@newenterpriserec.com before **February 12, 2010**.
- If you are a student at Northern Bedford, Tussey Mt, Forbes Road, or Southern Huntingdon, talk to your guidance counselor. Brochures and DVDs were sent to each of these schools. Private school and home schooled students can pick up a brochure at our office.
- Once the final four students are chosen, we will need a wallet size photo of you. This picture is used in a Youth Tour directory that is provided by our statewide cooperative.
- Forms from our statewide will need to be completed once final four students are chosen.
- Please do not delay checking the Youth Tour trip out. This is a once in a lifetime trip that is paid for 100% by New Enterprise REC.

History of the NRECA Youth Tour

In 1957 Senator Lyndon Baines Johnson inspired the Youth Tour when he addressed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting in Chicago. The Senator and future president declared, "If one thing goes out of this meeting, it will be sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents

Consequently, some Texas electric cooperatives sent groups of young people to Washington to work during the summer in Senator Johnson's office. In 1958, a rural electric cooperative in Iowa sponsored the first group of 34 young people on a week-long study tour of the nation's capital. Later that same year, another busload came to Washington from Illinois. The idea grew and other states sent busloads of young people throughout the summer. By 1959, the "Youth Tour" had grown to 130 youths.

In 1964, NRECA began to coordinate joint activities among the state delegations and suggested that co-op representatives from each state arrange to be in Washington, D.C. during Youth Tour week. The first year of the coordinated tour included approximately 400 young people from 12 states. Word of the program has continued to spread and today, more than 1,400 young people and their chaperones participate in the Youth Tour every year.

The statewide Youth Tour directors arrange their delegation's visits to their U.S. Representatives' and Senators' offices, federal agencies, and other educational and sightseeing activities. In addition to the planned statewide activities, the Youth Tour experience encompasses multi-state activities coordinated by NRECA. To date, 40,000 students from rural areas and small towns all over America have participated in this unique program.