



## Capital Credit Checks Issued

The Board of Directors of Central Georgia EMC announced a capital credit refund to electric consumers who received service during 1995 and 1996. The refund checks were mailed out on December 5, 2014.

The total amount of this refund was \$1,984,781.70, which represents the remaining margins for 1995 and half of the total margins for 1996. The margins are used as capital until they can be returned through a general refund without impairing the cooperative's financial condition. Capital credits are a benefit of your membership.

Thank you for your patronage.

## New Rate Structure Now in Effect

Last month, Central Georgia EMC informed you of a rate revision that would begin on January 1, 2015. The revised rates are now in effect.

Like most businesses, CGEMC's expenses have increased over time. We have worked hard to keep expenses low and service levels high. In 2014, CGEMC conducted a Cost of Service study to evaluate our current costs to serve a member. The study indicated that adjustments were necessary. A summary of the changes is shown below.

<b>Residential Rate</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Change</b>
Service charge	\$16	\$19	\$3
<b>Winter Rates</b> (November-April)			
First 700 kWh	\$0.0778	\$0.0852	\$0.0074
More than 700 kWh	\$0.0500	\$0.0574	\$0.0074
<b>Summer Rates</b> (May-October)			
All energy kWh	\$0.0778	\$0.0852	\$0.0074

The residential rate comparison does not include the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment (WPCA), which varies each month.

### Security Light Rate

The 2014 Cost of Service study also found it necessary to revise our security lighting rate by \$1 per light. Pole charge will remain \$2 per month.

Despite the slight increase in the residential service charge, and the per kWh rate, CGEMC will continue to be one of the lowest-cost providers in the state. A comparison of residential energy rates can be found on the Georgia Public Service Commission's website, [psc.state.ga.us/electric/surveys/residentialrs.asp](http://psc.state.ga.us/electric/surveys/residentialrs.asp).

## CUSTOMERS DUE



REFUNDS

**Alcaraz, Mark**  
**Aversano, Chris J**  
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**Good, Jeffrey**  
**Hardin, David W.**  
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**Holden, Gabriel**  
**Hood, Brittany E.**  
**Mendenhall, Clint**  
**Parker, Holly L.**  
**Phares, Alexandria**  
**Royals, Cody Ryan**  
**Smith, Joseph**  
**Stachurski, Jessica**



They are out of sight, but do not forget your air ducts. Taking care of them can save money and energy. Check ducts for air leaks. Take care of minor sealing jobs with heat-approved tape, especially in attics and vented crawl spaces. Call the pros for major ductwork repairs.

—Source: U.S. Department  
of Energy

# Washington Youth Tour Builds Bonds That Last

Washington Youth Tour (WYT) delegates get so much out of the weeklong experience—visits to many historic locations, lessons in leadership and team-building opportunities, not to mention an all-expenses-paid trip to the nation’s capital. Although the memories are cherished, what often stays longer with the delegates are the relationships developed with other delegates.

“Through the Youth Tour, I have a new sense of confidence as a leader, as well as a new extended family,” says Corienne Garbison, a 2014 delegate from Spalding County High School. “The relationships that we have started on this trip will last for a long time; the people are what make this trip so special.”

**Attention, high school students:** Here are some reasons to get excited about the 2015 Washington Youth Tour (WYT):

- Spend a great week in Washington, D.C., and its environs, taking in many of that city’s iconic locations, museums, memorials, and monuments.
- Meet WYT participants from across the country, and make more than 100 new friends from every part of Georgia, all of them your age. The friendships you form can last a lifetime.
- Meet your U.S. senators and representatives on their turf—the U.S. Capitol—and get a glimpse into how laws are made.
- Work as part of a team and develop leadership skills that will serve you well, no matter what career you pursue.
- Learn about the beginning of rural electrification and visit its birthplace.
- Earn a great accomplishment to put on your college applications.
- Have fun!



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*From left, Jantzen McDonald, of Jackson, and Corienne Garbison, of Griffin, represented Central Georgia EMC on the 2014 Washington Youth Tour.*

## Washington Youth Tour 2015 Tentative Itinerary

**June 11:** Kickoff banquet, Atlanta Airport Marriott, Atlanta

**June 12:** Team-building activities; flight to Washington, D.C.

**June 13:** Tour and lunch at Mount Vernon; dinner at Union Station; evening guided tour of FDR, Jefferson, Martin Luther King Jr., World War II memorials; photo opportunity of White House

**June 14:** Guided tour of Lincoln, Korean War and Vietnam Veterans memorials; Arlington National Cemetery guided tour; dinner performance of “1776” at Toby’s Dinner Theatre in Columbia, Md.

**June 15:** All States assembly; tour the Smithsonian museums; cruise on Potomac River

**June 16:** Tour Supreme Court, U.S. Capitol and Washington National Cathedral; Sunset Parade at U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima statue)

**June 17:** Meet with Georgia’s congressional delegation; tour Newseum and Madame Tussauds Wax Museum; All States farewell events

**June 18:** Return flight to Atlanta



The 2015 Washington Youth Tour, set for June 11-18, starts in Atlanta, where delegates, rising high school seniors and juniors representing electric membership corporations (EMCs) from throughout the state, gather for the kickoff events. After a day in Georgia, the delegates are off to the nation's capital, where the schedule is jampacked until the return flight.

Electric co-ops across Georgia are now looking for delegates to represent them on the 2015 tour. Interested? For more information, visit our website at [www.cgemc.com/wyt.aspx](http://www.cgemc.com/wyt.aspx) or contact Central Georgia EMC, Washington Youth Tour Coordinator Rodney Christopher at 770-504-7861, or [rchristopher@cgemc.com](mailto:rchristopher@cgemc.com). Deadline for application is Friday, February 6, 2015.

## The 2014 Washington Youth Tour—In Their Own Words...



### What tour stop or activity made the greatest impression on you? Why?

**Corienne Garbison:** The Washington National Cathedral was filled with an overwhelming beauty and was awe-inspiring.

**Jantzen McDonald:** Visiting Mount Vernon. I liked touring the mansion; the grounds were beautiful, and the historical interpreters were interesting to talk with.



### What lesson did you learn from the Youth Tour that will serve you best in life?

**Corienne Garbison:** Being thrown into a room full of strangers forced me to be outgoing, and I learned that if you put yourself out there, you will not regret it.

**Jantzen McDonald:** It has given me an insight on how young adults actually work well with each other and to have a family-like attitude. This trip was great and very helpful with widening my horizon of knowledge.

### Do you think the Youth Tour will help you become a better leader? If yes, how so?

**Corienne Garbison:** The Youth Tour will definitely help me become a better leader. Having people believe and invest in my leadership ability has pushed me to further myself as a leader and better myself as a person.

**Jantzen McDonald:** The skills I learned on the Youth Tour have already instilled better leadership abilities in me. Through this trip, I learned that a leader needs to be flexible, assertive, orderly, and willing to put others above themselves.

## Recipe of the Month



### Black-Eyed Pea Soup

From the kitchen of  
Christy Chewing

#### Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1 (12-ounce) package fully cooked smoked sausage links, chopped
- 10 cups chicken stock
- 1 (16-ounce) package of frozen black-eyed peas
- 1 teaspoon salt

#### Directions:

In a Dutch oven, heat olive oil over medium heat. Cook onions, celery, and carrots until softened. Add sausage and saute' until heated through. Stir in garlic and saute' for 1 minute. Add salt, chicken stock, and black-eyed peas to the Dutch oven. Bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to simmer. Allow to cook on low until peas are cooked, approximately 1 to 2 hours. Serve with cornbread muffins.

## Coming Next Month

CGEMC will be publishing the 2015 Residential Rebate Program in the February 2015 edition of the News and Views. Be sure to check them out.





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## How Energy Efficient Is Your Home?

Central Georgia EMC has a variety of ways to help you determine the energy efficiency of your home.

### Analyze Your Bill Online

CGEMC has a free online tool to provide a quick analysis of your electricity use. To take advantage of this tool, visit [www.cgemc.com](http://www.cgemc.com) and click on HomeEnergySuite under the Quick Links section, then Analyze My Bill. This program will utilize previous bills to break down your energy use and allow you to choose energy-saving scenarios to pinpoint your opportunities for savings.

### In-Home Energy Audit

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