



## Keep Utility Poles Free of Signs and Fliers

Imagine walking up the steps to your home and feeling a sharp pain in your hand as you grasp the handrail. Looking down, you find a nail sticking out of the rail and a puncture to your hand. Has this ever happened to you? Linemen climbing utility poles where signs have been posted with staples, nails, and tacks have experienced these hazards.

Utility poles offer a convenient place to tack a sign. However, doing so creates hazards for linemen and utility workers. They risk personal injury and damage to their equipment, rubber gloves, boots, and protective clothing when items are posted on poles. Likewise, nails and tacks can get in the way of the climbing hooks that linemen wear on their boots when climbing a pole. While a tear in your clothing or glove may seem insignificant, the stakes are much higher when that equipment is all that stands between you and a power line carrying several thousand volts.

An additional problem involves damage to the pole itself. Over time, water seeps into holes surrounding the nails. Eventually, the pole deteriorates, and needs to be replaced, creating another expense for the cooperative and its members.

Many cities and counties have ordinances prohibiting the placement of signs and other items on poles. Fines may be assessed for this activity. Involvement is difficult to deny when your phone number or address is listed on a sign that has been illegally posted.



LINEMEN RISK INJURY TO THEMSELVES AND DAMAGE TO THEIR EQUIPMENT, RUBBER GLOVES, BOOTS, AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING WHEN ITEMS ARE POSTED ON POLES.

### Keep utility poles free of signs and fliers!

AVOID POSTING SIGNS, FLIERS, BIRDHOUSES, BALLOONS, AND ESPECIALLY ANYTHING WITH STAPLES, TACKS, OR NAILS.

No one wants to put our linemen in danger. We ask that everyone refrain from posting items on poles, and see that your friends and neighbors do the same. Together, we can keep these dedicated workers safe and working efficiently.

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### Energy Efficiency

#### *Tip of the Month*



Circulate savings! Ceiling fans are a great way to keep cool during summer months and can even allow you to raise your thermostat setting about 4 degrees without affecting your comfort.

*Source: energy.gov*

# Washington Youth Tour: 50 Years of Enriching Georgia Teens

When a dozen high school students, sponsored by three electric cooperatives, took a trip from rural Georgia to the White House Rose Garden in 1965, little did they know it would mark the start of a youth leadership program that has spanned 50 years.

Those 12 teens, primarily high school juniors, were awarded an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., after competing in an essay contest. The program was designed to give students a personal understanding of American history and their role as citizens.



The group left Sunday, June 6, 1965, from Savannah and traveled by train. They and nearly 600 teens from 17 states spent four days in our nation's capital. The highlight of the trip? An invitation from President Lyndon Johnson to a Rose Garden reception at the White House.

They also met with U.S. senators and representatives; visited historic places, such as Mount Vernon, the Washington Monument, the Jefferson Memorial and the National Archives; explored the Smithsonian Institution museums; cruised with delegates from other states on the Potomac River; and toured the U.S. Capitol, where they watched the Senate in session from the gallery.

Fast-forward 50 years. Instead of 12, this year 111 teens—sponsored by 38 of Georgia's electric cooperatives—have been chosen to attend the youth leadership experience. Georgia's delegation will fly from Atlanta to Washington, D.C., where they will join nearly 1,600 teens from 43 states participating in the national event.

This year's tour spans a full week (June 11-18) and includes many of the same stops, as well as new ones like the Martin Luther King Jr., Vietnam Veterans, Korean War Veterans and National World War II memorials. This year, for the first time, the group will visit the new American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. What about a Rose Garden reception, you say? Well, that opportunity has been offered only a few other times by presidents, including Georgia's Jimmy Carter. But Johnson—who, as a U.S. senator in 1957, encouraged the nation's electric cooperatives to send students to Washington to "see what the flag stands for and represents"—would no doubt be pleased to know that this national leadership experience has enhanced thousands of Georgians' lives.

*Gale Cutler is the Washington Youth Tour director for Georgia EMC.*

Are you a Washington Youth Tour alumna or alumnus? If so, we would love to hear from you! Go to [goo.gl/forms/eQM7kt6RT7](http://goo.gl/forms/eQM7kt6RT7) to fill out a quick survey.

## Central Georgia EMC's Washington Youth Tour Delegates for 2015

Ramirra Marshall and Carrianna Simmons were recently selected to represent Central Georgia EMC on the 2015 Washington Youth Tour. Electric membership cooperatives (EMCs) in Georgia, including CGEMC, will commemorate 50 years of supporting students and teaching life lessons during the weeklong adventure, set for June 11-18, 2015.



Ramirra Marshall  
Jackson, GA



Carrianna Simmons  
Griffin, GA

Marshall and Simmons will be a part of Georgia's largest contingent to date—111 students representing 155 counties in Georgia.

**Announcing Central Georgia EMC's  
78th Annual Meeting of Members**

**Wednesday, August 5, 2015**  
**CGEMC's Annex Courtyard**  
**1083 Mulberry St., Jackson, GA 30233**  
**Registration begins at 9 am.**



## Recipe of the Month

### Glazed Lemon-Coconut Bars

From the kitchen of  
**Betty F. Little**



#### Ingredients:

1 cup Bisquick Heart Smart mix  
2 tablespoons powdered sugar  
2 tablespoons firm margarine or butter  
3/4 cup granulated sugar  
1/4 cup flaked coconut  
1 tablespoon Bisquick Heart Smart mix  
2 teaspoons grated lemon peel/zest  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1/2 cup fat-free egg product

#### Lemon glaze:

1/2 cup powdered sugar  
1 tablespoon lemon juice

#### Directions:

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In a small bowl, mix 1 cup Bisquick mix and 2 tablespoons powdered sugar. Cut in margarine until crumbly. Press into an ungreased, square 8-inch pan. Bake uncovered about 10 minutes or until light brown. In another small bowl, mix all remaining bar ingredients. Pour coconut mixture over baked layer. Bake about 25 minutes or until set and golden brown. Loosen edges from sides of pan while warm. In small bowl, mix glaze ingredients (1/2 cup powdered sugar and 1 tablespoon lemon juice) until smooth; spread mixture over bars. Cool completely, about 1 hour. For bars, cut into 4 rows by 3 rows.



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# Notice of 2014 Capital Credit Assignments

Central Georgia EMC (CGEMC) announces that the capital credit assignment for 2014 is 7.49 percent. In an electric cooperative structure such as CGEMC, each dollar paid in excess of the cost of providing service is an investment in CGEMC by its members. This allocated amount to each member is kept on permanent record in our office.

At the end of the year, after all expenses are paid, any remaining funds are assigned to members' accounts. CGEMC's margins are used as capital until they can be returned through a general refund without impairing the cooperative's financial condition.

Your capital credit assignment may be calculated by multiplying your total electric bill for the year, minus the sales tax and any miscellaneous charges, times the 7.49 percent.

### Example:

If your annual bill totaled:	Your assignment is:
\$150 X .0749	\$ 11.23
\$300 X .0749	\$ 22.47
\$500 X .0749	\$ 37.45
\$1,000 X .0749	\$ 74.90

*NOTE: Assignments do not include Central Georgia EMC large power accounts.*



### Holiday Notice

The Central Georgia EMC office will be closed Friday, July 3, 2015, in observance of Independence Day. In case of a power outage, call our 24-hour automated outage system at 770-775-7857 or 800-222-4877 for an immediate response. System operators are on duty to assist you.

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