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From left, Mackenzi Barrett and
Kelli Crews

Calling All Youth for the Washington Youth Tour Experience



The Washington Youth Tour is an unparalleled leadership opportunity and educational experience. Sponsored by local electric cooperatives, including Central Georgia EMC, this trip is awarded to exceptional high school sophomores and juniors who compete for a chance to tour Washington, D.C., with more than 100 other teens from across the state and more than 1,400 teens from across the country. The Washington Youth Tour will take place June 7-14, 2018.

Our 2017 Washington Youth Tour delegates, Kelli Crews and Mackenzi Barrett, traveled with 111 other EMC delegates from Georgia to learn about electric cooperatives, tour historical monuments, and view political processes. We asked them to put into words what the trip meant to them. Here are their responses:

Kelli Crews:

Going on the Washington Youth Tour exposed me to many new experiences. The visit to the Capitol had the greatest impact on me. Shaking U.S. Rep. John Lewis' hand, seeing Bernie Sanders, Nancy Pelosi, and the Georgia senators in action gave me a real feel of how Washington, D.C. operates.

The trip made me part of a very select and prestigious group. Being surrounded by exceptional students who have accomplished so much inspires me to be my best every day, and I see how important it is to always put my best foot forward. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity.

I would definitely tell future delegates to make as many new friends on the trip as possible. Make a point to have at least one conversation with everyone. Keep in touch with those friends after the trip is over; the relationships formed can be lifelong. Also, take lots of pictures!

Mackenzi Barrett:

The Washington Youth Tour was an amazing experience. I met people from all over Georgia and the United States, and I developed friendships that I know will last a lifetime. The tour taught me how to engage with people and helped me step out of my comfort zone and overcome my shyness. I am beyond grateful for the experience.

I had the opportunity to run for the Youth Leadership Council, and although I was not elected, I was the runner-up. I also served as the president of my "soda pop" co-op. Through both of these opportunities, I developed strong leadership skills and gained new experiences.

My advice for future delegates is to branch out from the group that you met at the kickoff banquet. Do what I did and sit with a different group of people every day. You will not regret that you did!

Eligible Students Must:

- Live or attend school in a county served by Central Georgia EMC.
- Be at least 16 years old on June 7, 2018.
- Complete the application forms and essay requirements.

Washington Youth Tour applications must be postmarked by February 9, 2018, and mailed to:

Central Georgia EMC
Attn: Washington Youth Tour
923 S. Mulberry St.
Jackson, GA 30233

Visit www.cgemc.com/content/washington-youth-tour to apply.

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- Be accepted or enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at any two-year or four-year university, college, or vocational-technical institute in Georgia.
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The total amount of this refund was \$2,405,076.38, which represents the remaining margins for 1998, all of 1999, and a portion of 2000. 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.

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- Group pricing options in most grandstand areas.
- 10% off merchandise voucher (with ticket purchase), good at AMS retail shop.
- \$10 tickets for all children 12 and under.

To take advantage of these discounts, log on to <https://tinyurl.com/2018AMS-Touchstone> and use promo code A18touchstone. Offer expires February 24, 2018 at 11:59 P.M.

For more information on this and other deals, visit www.cgemc.com/content/local-co-op-connections-deals.



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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month



Looking for an easy way to make your home cozier? Try using an area rug to increase the insulation levels of your floors. Area rugs are stylish and can keep cool air from entering through your floors. Your toes will thank you!

—Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Recipe of the Month



Hot Corn Dip

From the kitchen of Marsha Palmer



Ingredients:

1 bag shoe peg corn, frozen
 8 ounces of cream cheese, softened
 1/4 stick butter
 1 small can green chilies
 Chopped jalapenos to taste
 (optional)
 1/2 cup shredded pepper jack cheese

Directions:

In a medium bowl, combine corn, softened cream cheese, butter, green chilies, and jalapenos (if desired). Put mixture into a shallow baking dish and top with grated pepper jack cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes until bubbly and cheese is melted. Serve with tortilla or corn chips.

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