

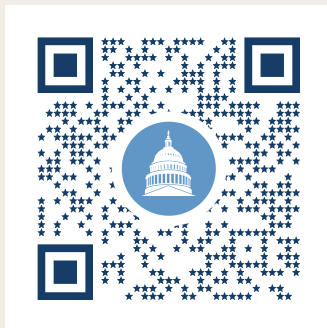
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2027 STUDY GUIDE



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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in the Washington Youth Tour contest. The Youth Tour is a unique leadership and educational experience. Sponsored by local electric co-ops like Southern Rivers Energy, this trip is awarded to exceptional high school students who compete for a chance to tour Washington, D.C., alongside more than 100 other teens from across the state and over 1,500 teens from across the country! We wish you the best of luck throughout the competition.

This is the study packet for your application submission and interview process. After reviewing the provided materials, you will create a video that covers the history of rural electrification, Southern Rivers Energy, and the U.S. government. **The topic of your submission is: What did you learn from the study materials, and why should you represent Southern Rivers Energy on the Youth Tour?**

Remember, you are trying to stand out among your peers—be creative. Submissions will be judged based on the following criteria:

- **Knowledge of material:** 35 points
- **Composition and grammar:** 15 points
- **Originality and creativity:** 40 points
- **Adherence to all instructions:** 10 points

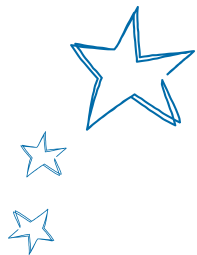
Submit your video in either hard copy or electronic format to Southern Rivers Energy. Please ensure that you include the **WYT application** with your submission. This form can be found at southernriversenergy.com/washington-youth-tour.

Video submission options:

- Drop-off (jump drive) at:
Southern Rivers Energy
Attn: Youth Tour - Kathryn Green
1367 Highway 341 S
Barnesville, GA 30204
- Email entries to: kathryn@srivers.net

Your video submission is due by February 1 at 5 p.m. at our headquarters at 1367 Hwy 341 S. in Barnesville. The highest-scoring students will be invited to participate in the interview process, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Feb. 11. Students must score at least 80 to qualify for the interview. The interview will be judged on personality, knowledge of the study packet (We will ask you, "What did you learn when studying for the WYT?"), communication skills, appearance and poise, leadership qualities, and goals. Please dress appropriately, as if you were attending a job interview. After their scheduled interview, students are free to leave. Two students will be selected to win a trip to Washington, D.C., from **June 17-24**.

Kathryn Green
WYT Coordinator
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ABOUT SRE'S COMPETITION

Students complete an application and a 2-minute video about this WYT Study Guide. Then, selected students go on to compete in a short interview in which they can showcase their personality, school or community involvement, and leadership skills. Two students are selected to represent Southern Rivers Energy on the all-expenses-paid trip to Washington D.C. in June.

ABOUT YOUTH TOUR

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is a unique leadership opportunity for rural high school students across Georgia. Students are selected by their electric co-op to travel to Washington, D.C., where they learn about co-ops, leadership, and democracy all while sightseeing and making lifelong friendships. Youth Tour is sponsored by Georgia's electric co-ops and is free for participants.



INCREDIBLE SIGHTS

NEW FRIENDS

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Study Tip:

EACH STUDY SECTION INCLUDES HELPFUL VIDEOS AND QR CODES.
BE SURE TO CLICK OR SCAN THE PDF OR COPY AND PASTE THE URL.



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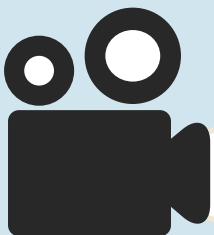
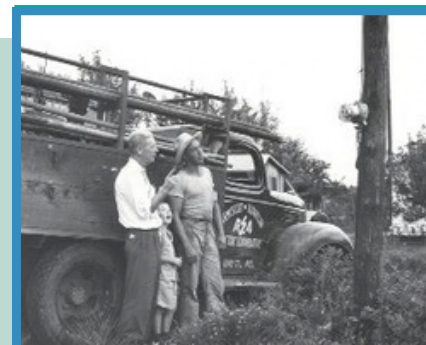
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

In the 1930s, for-profit electric utility companies refused to serve rural areas, claiming they couldn't make money. When utilities did provide electricity to rural areas, they required customers to pay for extending power lines (which was roughly a year's *income at the time!*). Afterward, rural customers often had to pay DOUBLE the price for power that urban customers paid.

As part of his New Deal, President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the federal Rural Electrification Administration in 1935. Electric membership cooperatives (EMCs) soon sprouted across the nation, formed by members, for members. People paid \$5 to be a member and co-ops secured loans from the government to start operations.

Part of what sets co-ops apart from the larger investor-owned utilities is that EMCs are member-owned and not-for-profit. This means that any revenue collected after covering operating costs is returned to members as capital credits, based on each member's energy usage for a given year. Southern Rivers Energy typically refunds capital credits in December. As of this year, Southern Rivers Energy has refunded more than \$23.9 million to its members, and co-ops across the nation retire over \$600 million in capital credits annually.

Today, rural electric co-ops provide electricity to more than 42 million Americans across 48 states. There are 41 electric membership cooperatives (EMCs) in Georgia. These member-owned utilities serve roughly 4.4 million Georgians and cover 73% of the state's land area.



COOPERATIVE PURPOSE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XG19VaDzWUs>

COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

Electric cooperatives are not-for-profit businesses governed by the consumer-members they serve. Every consumer-member can vote to choose local boards that oversee the co-op, and the co-op must, with few exceptions, return to consumer-members revenue above what is needed for operation. Under this structure, electric co-ops provide economic benefits to their local communities rather than distant stockholders. Co-ops are committed to serving their communities, and that's why your electric co-op provides the annual Washington, D.C. Rural Electric Youth Tour at no cost to participants.

Learn more about electric co-ops here:
www.electric.coop/our-mission

THE 7 COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

These seven concepts are the foundation for every cooperative (and every cooperative leader!)

VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Anyone can join.

DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

Your voice will
be heard.

MEMBER ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

You control
the capital.

AUTONOMY + INDEPENDENCE

Together, you are
in control of your
own future.

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

You can develop yourself
and help develop others.

COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

You can be more successful
by cooperating with others
who know how to
cooperate.

CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

You can do something for
your community even as
you keep succeeding.

The International Cooperative Alliance adopted a set of business principles in 1995. Today, cooperatives worldwide operate using the same principles.

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A farm, business or other organization that is owned and run jointly by its members, who share the profits or benefits.

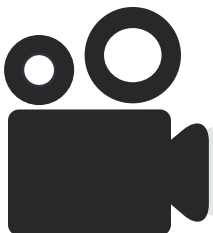
WHAT IS AN ELECTRIC CO-OP?

An electric co-op is a private, non-profit company that delivers electricity to its customers or members. As a cooperative, we are required to meet two requirements: reinvesting revenue into our service area communities through stable rates and infrastructure, or returning it to members through patronage capital. Cooperatives are also required to operate on a democratic model.

Cooperative membership is a powerful thing. It means you have an energy source you can trust to look out for you and your community's best interests, not its own bottom line. We exist to meet our members' needs.

The Cooperative Difference is how we treat our members, how we collaborate, and how we support community. The difference is clear.

We take pride in offering electricity and other services to our members.



AMERICA'S ELECTRIC CO-OPS: ENERGY IS US

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBJADIN2Bic>

CONNECTING RURAL COMMUNITIES TO THE MODERN ECONOMY

Southern Rivers Energy's fiber project—Connect, powered by Southern Rivers Energy—is helping bring reliable, high-speed internet access to SRE members while supporting the cooperative's electric system.

The fiber-to-the-home network launched in February 2021 and continues to expand across SRE's service area. The project is designed to provide 100% fiber broadband access to all SRE members. In 2025, Connect reached an important milestone of 10,000 connected subscribers.

SRE partners with Conexon Connect to provide internet service over the fiber network. Residential service includes symmetrical upload and download speeds with no data caps or throttling, and packages offer speeds from 200 Mbps to 2 Gig. Voice service is also available.

The fiber network also plays a role in SRE's electric operations. In 2025, SRE constructed or replaced 34 miles of fiber, and the cooperative continues to integrate fiber and other smart technologies to build a more resilient, future-ready electric network.

FIBER INTERNET

10,000+ Connected Subscribers in 2025!

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HOW ELECTRICITY REACHES YOU

Today, Americans rely on electricity more than ever to power their lives. Without a reliable electric grid, we'd all be left in the dark, and once our cell phones ran out of battery life, most of us would be cut off from family and friends.

The electric grid is a complex system of power plants, transmission lines, substations and distribution lines that transmit electric power from the place where it's generated, all the way to members at the end of the line.

Here's a breakdown of the path electricity takes to get to your home:

GENERATION:

Electricity is generated at a power plant. (Nuclear, wind, solar, hydro, coal or gas)

TRANSMISSION:

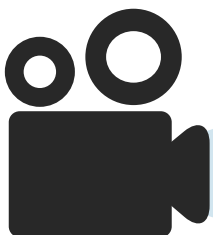
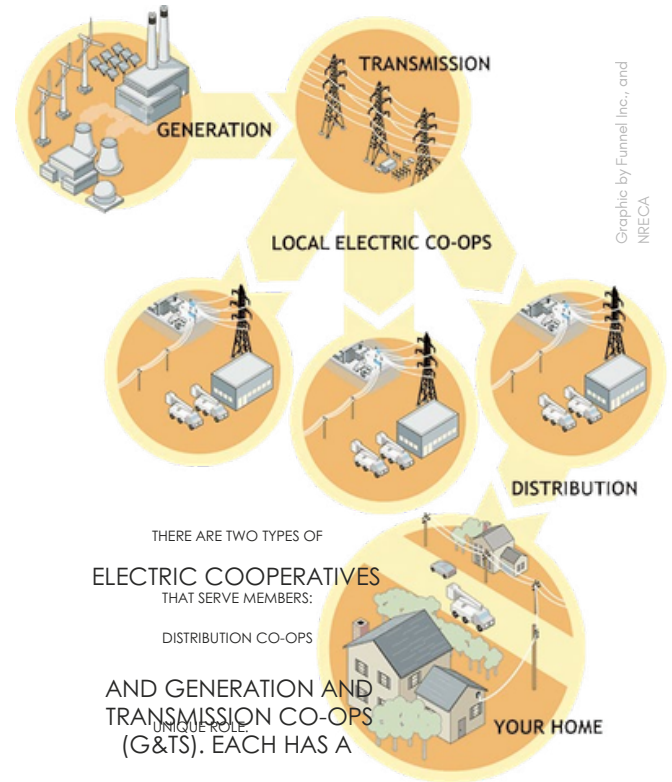
It is converted to a high voltage to be transmitted to your neighborhood.

DISTRIBUTION:

Electricity is then distributed to homes, businesses and other facilities.

CONSUMER MEMBER:

Electricity powers phones, computers, and appliances and heats, lights and cools homes.



RESTORING POWER

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPrjkNCAix4>

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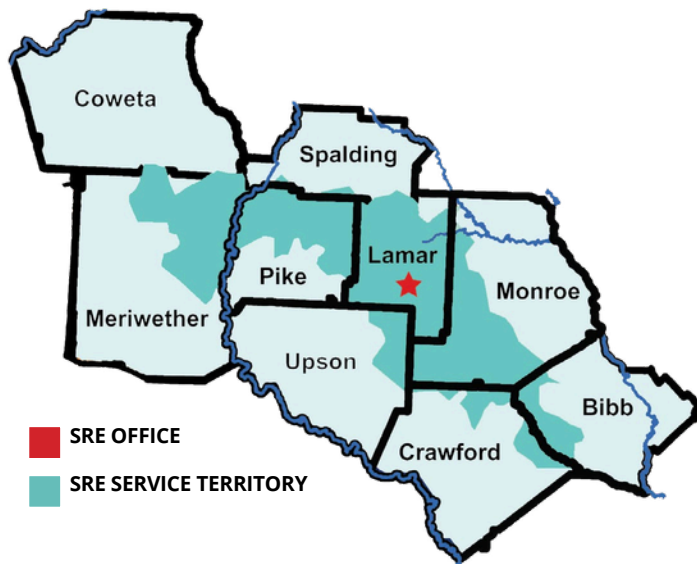
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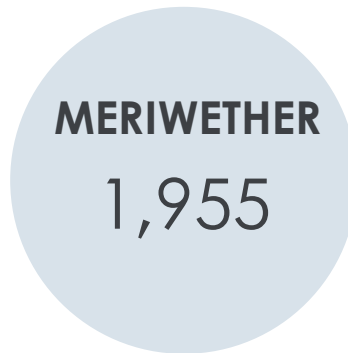
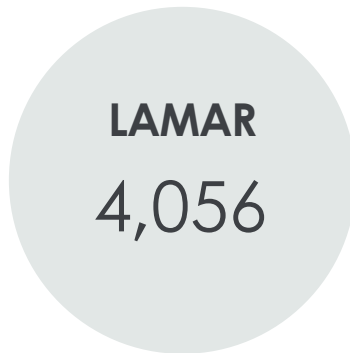
THE HISTORY OF SRE

Southern Rivers Energy was originally chartered as Lamar EMC in February 1938, after a group of local farmers got together to create a plan of action to bring power to their community through Franklin Roosevelt's Rural Electrification Administration (REA). They worked tirelessly to construct an electrical system, and on August 11, 1938, President Roosevelt came to Barnesville to symbolically throw the switch and begin our legacy of lighting the countryside. SRE is the only co-op in the country to be formally dedicated by Roosevelt.

Lamar EMC began with only 357 members, 144 miles of power line and 2 employees. Southern Rivers Energy changed its name from Lamar EMC in 2005, and now employs 67 people and provides service to 16,800 members and over 21,000 meters in nine counties: Bibb, Coweta, Crawford, Lamar, Meriwether, Monroe, Pike, Spalding and Upson.



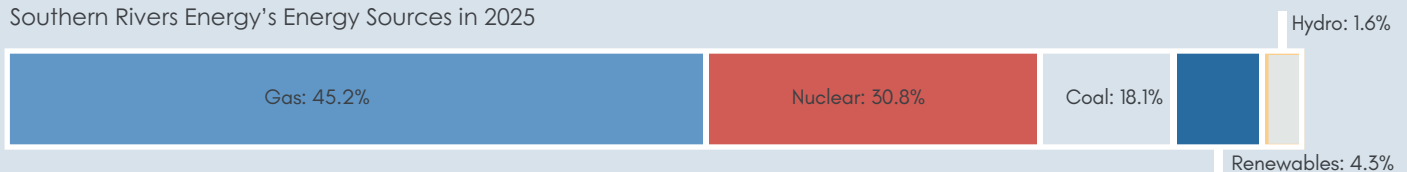
A BREAKDOWN OF SRE MEMBERS



SRE'S POWER SUPPLY

We rely on a diverse portfolio of fuels, including coal, natural gas, nuclear, hydropower, solar and other renewables. A diverse mix of resources ensures current and future electricity demands are met reliably and sustainably at the lowest reasonable cost.

Southern Rivers Energy's Energy Sources in 2025



SRE GOVERNANCE

Southern Rivers Energy is governed by an elected board of directors who represent our members in the business of the co-op. Southern Rivers Energy is based on a “one member, one vote” standard. We encourage members to be active in the cooperative by attending annual meetings, voting in cooperative elections, staying informed about current events and trends in the energy industry, speaking to directors about concerns, and even contacting elected government officials to voice ideas and concerns about public policy in the energy industry.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board of directors of a co-op makes important strategic decisions for the organization, while the operations (day-to-day running of the business) is entrusted to the CEO and employees. They are SRE members. They live and work in our community, and they want the best quality of life for their families while preserving the integrity of small-town life.

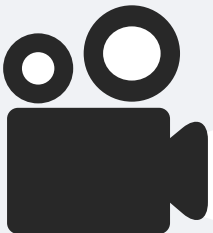
THE KEY PEOPLE IN A COOPERATIVE

MEMBERS
ELECT
DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS
EMPLOY
CEO

CEO
HIRES
EMPLOYEES

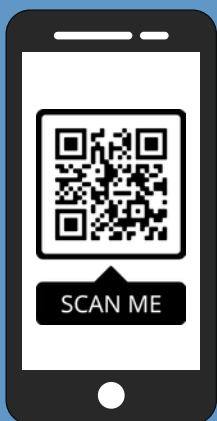
EMPLOYEES
SERVE
MEMBERS



WE'RE YOUR LOCAL CO-OP

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aY3oJyvgNmQ&t=3s>

In 2023, SRE celebrated 85 years of providing safe, reliable electric service and excellent value to our members. Our employees and board of directors are committed to honoring the past while embracing the future. We remain dedicated to going above and beyond to address your ever-growing energy needs and look forward to another great year as your electric cooperative doing great things together.



'THEY'VE GOT OUR BACK'

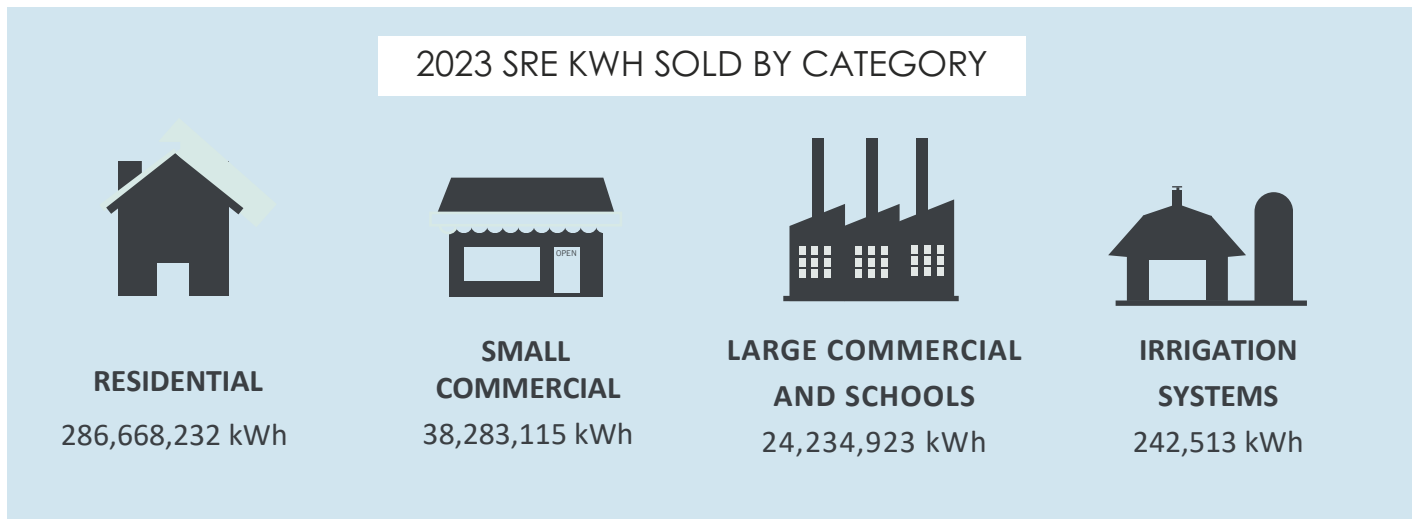
From booming suburbs to remote rural farming communities, America's electric cooperatives are engines of economic development across 56 percent of the nation. Each electric co-op is shaped by the community it serves and responds to the specific needs of their members.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NrQCOEuG7YM>

KILOWATT-HOUR VS. KILOWATT

What's the difference between kilowatt vs. kilowatt-hour? A kilowatt is 1,000 watts, which is a measure of power. A kilowatt-hour, otherwise known as a kWh, is a way to measure how much energy a certain machine needs to run for one hour.

So, if you have a 1,000 watt device, it takes 1,000 watts (or one kW) to make it work. If you run that device for one hour, you'll have used up one kilowatt of energy for that hour, or one kWh.

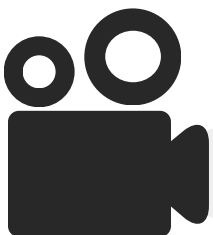


YOUR DOLLAR AT WORK

A breakdown of how each dollar is spent:



\$.54	POWER COST
\$.24	OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE
\$.15	DEPRECIATION
\$.04	MARGINS
\$.03	MEMBER SUPPORT
\$1.00	



YOUR LOCAL TOUCHSTONE ENERGY COOPERATIVE

Video link: <https://vimeo.com/198229487>

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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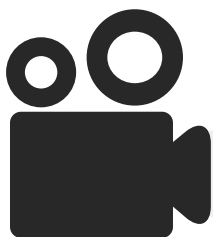
ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBERSHIP

Once a consumer pays the \$5 membership fee, they become a part-owner of the cooperative. They have a voice in how the cooperative is operated and influence this process by casting their vote at the annual meeting.

Annual meetings are a tradition at electric cooperatives—a tradition that celebrates our unique business model and brings members together to share the many ways we work to serve their current and future needs. Our bylaws requires Southern Rivers Energy to hold a meeting of members once a year.

Each year in August, Southern Rivers Energy holds its annual meeting to keep the members informed of co-op news and active in the business of the co-op by voting for their board of directors. SRE's meeting usually includes a breakfast, a health fair, free gifts and door prizes. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for members to hear about their cooperative's financial condition, business programs and plans for the future.

SRE members are part owners of the cooperative, not customers, so we work for them and look out for their best interests. We strive to help members better understand their power bill, manage energy usage to control their costs and provide the tools and services to make their life easier. As a trusted energy partner, we listen to our members' needs and respond accordingly. We are constantly looking for the best, most economical ways to improve our service while supporting education and economic development in our communities.



HOW CAPITAL CREDITS WORK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzeHbdbFIso>

**RETURN OF
CAPITAL
CREDITS**

**INVESTING
REVENUE INTO
OUR SERVICE
AREA**

**STABLE
ELECTRIC
RATES**

**MEMBERS
HAVE A VOTE
IN CO-OP
BUSINESS**

**ADVANTAGES
OF AN
ELECTRIC
CO-OP**

**SERVICE-
FOCUSED
NOT PROFIT-
FOCUSED**

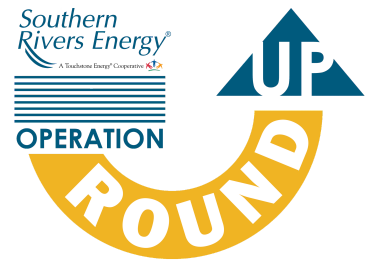
**DEDICATED
TO PROVIDING
SERVICES TO
RURAL AREAS**

**COMMUNITY-
FOCUSED**

**TRUSTED
ENERGY
ADVISOR TO
MEMBERS**



OPERATION ROUND UP



Southern Rivers Energy was founded 85 years ago with the mission to enhance the quality of life for residents of central Georgia. That same goal remains at the heart of everything we do today and serves as the inspiration for our charitable arm, Operation Round Up (ORU).

Southern Rivers Energy adopted ORU in 2005, providing our members with the opportunity to support local charities and individuals in need by simply rounding up their monthly power bill to the nearest even amount. Starting in 2019, members also have the option to make one-time donations each month via their electric bill. These tax-deductible contributions are deposited into the SRE Trust to provide funding for grants, college scholarships, and teacher grants, all aimed at supporting and strengthening our communities.

The average member contributes approximately \$6 a year, and every penny donated goes directly to grant and scholarship recipients. None of the funds donated are used to cover electric bills, other utilities, or general operating expenses. This innovative program embodies the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors, and although some donations may seem small, the impact is immeasurable.

The SRE Trust has invested in worthwhile projects for local groups and individuals through ORU, and none of this would be possible without the generous support of our members. In addition to community grants, ORU also funds the SRE Trust Scholarship and Bright Ideas teacher grant programs.

You can find scholarship and teacher grant applications on our website at southernriversenergy.com. For more information about SRE's education opportunities, please feel free to contact Kathryn Green at kathryn@srivers.net or 770-358-5772.

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Travel to Washington, D.C. to explore monuments and museums, meet with members of Congress and make lifelong friends with other students from across the country. You'll discover leadership lessons from our nation's history and be immersed in the cooperative spirit that built our nation, with all expenses paid by your local electric cooperative. Yeah, that's pretty amazing. Are you up for it?



ABOUT YOUTH TOUR

More than 1,800 of rural America's best and brightest high-schoolers will visit Washington, D.C., this summer to learn about the political process, interact with elected officials, and gain an understanding of American history.



electric.com

<https://www.electric.coop/our-organization/youth-programs/about-the-youth-tour>

YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

In 1976, the NRECA Board of Directors created the Youth Consulting Board (YCB). In 1998, the structure of the Youth Consulting Board was redesigned and became known as the NRECA Youth Leadership Council.

During Youth Tour, you can have the chance to be selected to represent your state on the NRECA Youth Leadership Council (YLC). One student from each state is selected and they will come back to Washington, D.C. in July for a leadership workshop, which will focus on the electric cooperative industry.

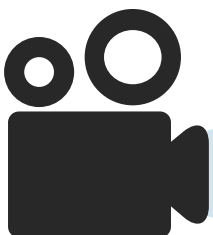
The purpose of the YLC conference is to build leadership and public speaking skills, and to enhance the delegates' knowledge of the energy industry and the cooperative form or business.

Each student will prepare a 5-7 minute speech about what inspired them during their Youth Tour trip. Also, the YLC National Spokesperson will be selected to address the membership at the NRECA Annual Meeting and to address the Youth Tour delegates the following year. These students will also give their speech at their statewide and local cooperative annual meeting.

Members of the YLC play an important role during NRECA's Annual Meeting the following spring. Now only are the YLC members recognized on stage, they have a hand-on experience with virtually every facet of the meeting including the resolutions process and helping our members communicate with their legislators.

YLC members leave more poised, confident and a better developed leader with a strong determination to improve your community and make their country a better place. Further, they leave having built life-long friendships with other student leaders from across the country.

Source: NRECA's Electric Cooperative Youth Tour



2019 YLC WYT ADDRESS

https://players.brightcove.net/1918791292001/default_default/index.html?videoid=6013177058001



Youth Tour draws more than 1,800 students from across the country. If selected, you'll be among approximately 110 Georgia students who will travel together and experience Youth Tour as a group. You are selected and sponsored by your local electric cooperative; Georgia EMC coordinates the event for all of the Georgia co-ops; and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) hosts the event in Washington, D.C. While on Youth Tour, all transportation, meals, admissions to events, and lodging will be arranged for you.

TRAVEL

Southern Rivers Energy will provide transportation to the banquet in Atlanta for the delegates. Your parents will meet us there later in the day. The next morning, we fly to Washington via Delta. Once we get to D.C., we use a reputable and experienced motor coach company for the week. We will have three buses.

WEATHER

The weather in Washington, D.C. is typically 80-90 degrees and humid during Youth Tour. It's important to dress for the weather and drink plenty of water, which will be available on the tour bus.

SPENDING MONEY

Youth Tour expenses (including travel, lodging, snacks and meals) are paid for by your co-op. However, if you plan to buy souvenirs, you'll need to bring some spending money. Keep in mind that Washington, D.C. can be expensive.

PHONES & MOBILE DEVICES

While on Youth Tour, a phone/mobile device that allows you to receive and send text messages is needed. WYT has an app through which you will receive updates. You may be asked to limit phone usage if it is inhibiting participation in activities.

RULES OF THE ROAD

BE ON TIME.

We have a very busy schedule and cannot hold buses or delay the start of events. If you're late, the whole group may miss out on something!

BE RESPECTFUL.

We don't always get a lot of personal space on Youth Tour. Some of the places we visit will be crowded; we travel by bus and public transportation. Please respect others' rights and be tolerant of differences.

LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER.

You can avoid potentially dangerous situations by being aware of your surroundings and following the buddy system (groups of three). You'll have freedom to explore some places in small groups, but never alone. If you see someone in our group is alone, invite them to join you. We'll have a designated meeting spot after each stop—if you get separated from the group, meet there at the designated time. We'll do a quick headcount each time we meet back on the tour bus before leaving. You should NEVER be out of a group of three.

RESPECT THE CURFEW.

An 11:00 p.m. in-room curfew is strictly enforced. Chaperones will notify you if there is a different time for certain days and check that everyone is in their room each night, and security guards are on each floor of the hotel. You are not allowed to visit other rooms or have visitors in your room after curfew. Please remain reasonably quiet after curfew so others may rest up for the next day.

STAY WITH THE GROUP.

For safety, scheduling, and liability reasons, students are not allowed to leave the tour to visit relatives or friends or to leave the hotel after the day's activities. All delegates must remain in groups of at least three.

ZERO TOLERANCE.

Drugs, alcohol, tobacco products and weapons (including laser pointers, or any other item that could be perceived as a weapon) are not permitted at any time.

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THE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

To ensure a separation of powers, the U.S. Federal Government is made up of three branches: legislative, executive and judicial. To ensure the government is effective and citizens' rights are protected, each branch has its own powers and responsibilities, including working with the other branches.

LEGISLATIVE (THE U.S. CAPITOL)



EXECUTIVE (THE WHITE HOUSE)



JUDICIAL (SUPREME COURT)



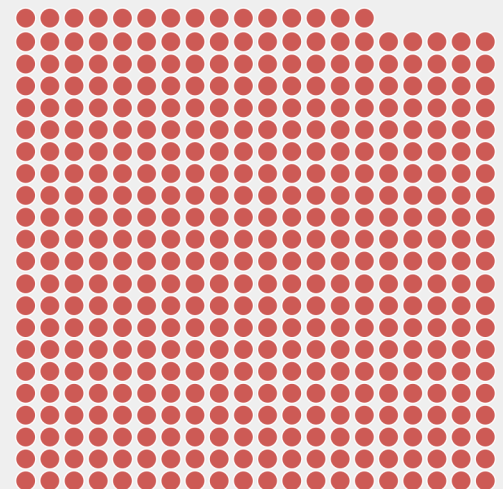
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The legislative branch is made up of the House and Senate, known collectively as the Congress. The primary function of the legislative branch is to make laws, but it is also responsible for approving federal judges and justices, passing the national budget, and declaring war.

Each state gets two senators and a certain number of representatives depending on how many people live in that state. Georgia has 14 U.S. representatives. This number is determined by the Georgia General Assembly.



100 U.S. SENATORS



435 MEMBERS IN THE U.S.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

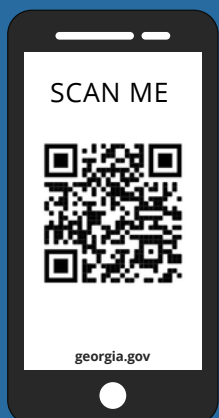
EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The executive branch consists of the President, his or her advisors and various departments and agencies. This branch is responsible for enforcing the laws of the land. The President works closely with a group of advisors known as the Cabinet (these appointees assist the President in making important decisions within their area of expertise, such as defense, the Treasury, and homeland security. This branch also appoints government officials, commands the armed forces, and meets with leaders of other nations.

JUDICIAL BRANCH

The judicial branch consists of the U.S. Supreme Court and the Federal Judicial Center. According to the Constitution, "The judicial power of the United States shall be vested in one Supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish." The Federal Judicial Center is the education and research agency for the federal courts.

Courts interpret our nation's laws and punish those who break them. The Supreme Court settles disputes among states, hears appeals from state and federal courts, and determines if federal laws are constitutional. Nine Justices make up the current Supreme Court: one Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices. Unlike any other job in our government, Supreme Court justices are appointed for life, or for as long as they want to stay.

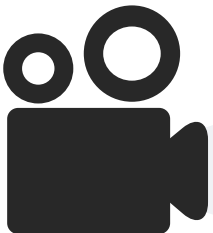


WHO REPRESENTS YOU?

You have elected officials who represent you at every level of the government. It's their job to ensure that your needs are being met during the law-making process. So, how do you know whom to contact in state or federal government with questions, comments, or ideas about legislation or public policies?

<https://georgia.gov/who-represents-you>

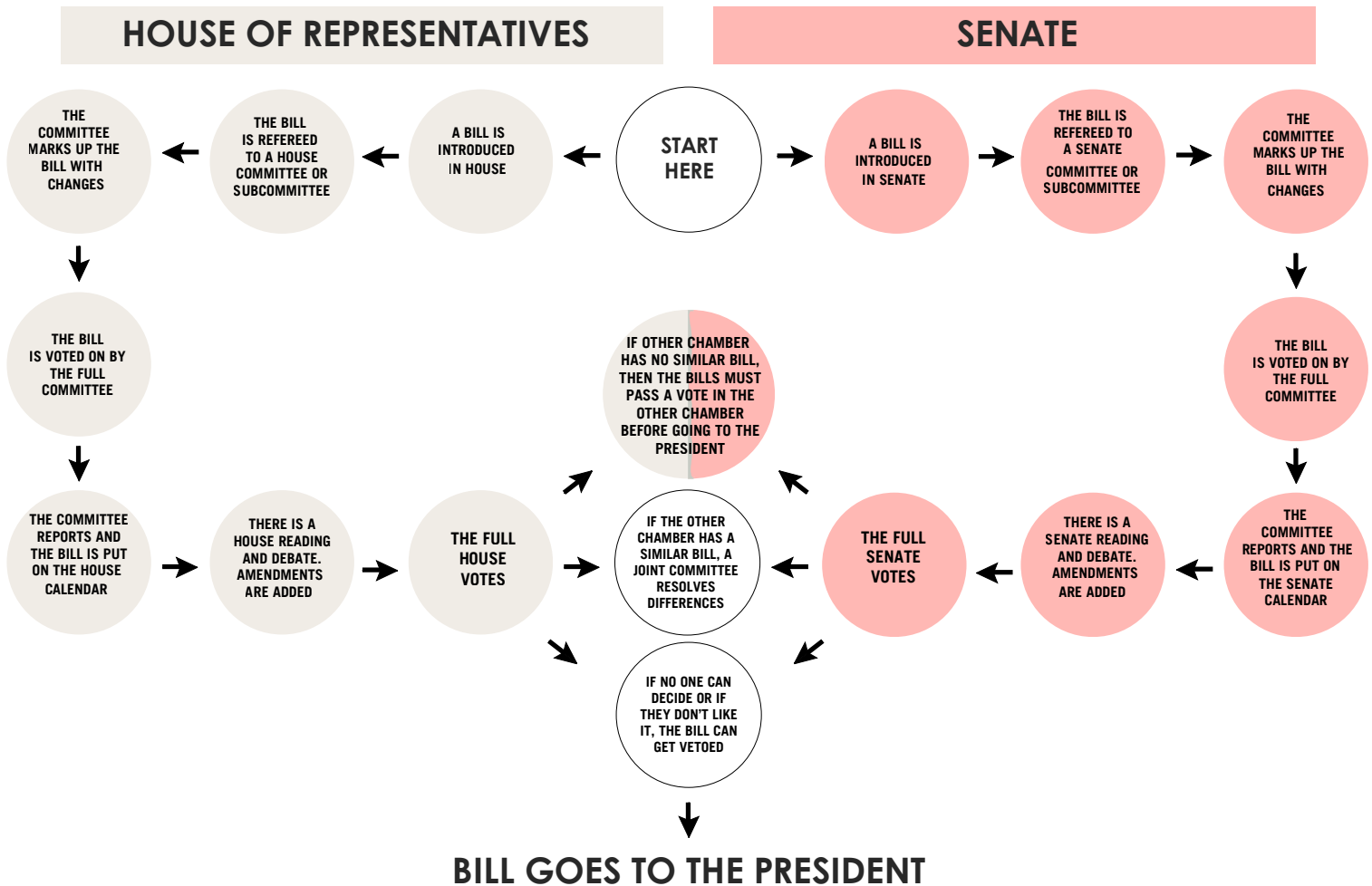
In 1957, Senator Lyndon Baines Johnson inspired the Youth Tour when he addressed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting in Chicago. The Senator, and future president, declared, "If one thing comes out of this meeting, it will be sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents." Since then, more than 50,000 students from rural areas and small towns across America have participated in this unique program.



HOW IS POWER DIVIDED IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuFR5XBYLfU&t=26s>

HOW DOES A BILL BECOME A LAW?



Each bill starts off as either a house bill or a senate bill, sometimes even both (to increase the chances of getting a bill passed). A bill must pass the House and the Senate before going to the president to be signed and become law or vetoed.

Prior to meeting with elected officials, WYT delegates should be prepared. Delegates should find out who their elected officials are and what committees they serve on. These questions can be answered by visiting the U.S. House of Representatives website (www.house.gov) and the U.S. Senate website (www.senate.gov). After the trip, if you have additional questions or you would like to send a thank-you note to your legislator, you can mail it to their local or state office. The letters will arrive sooner than if you mail it to their Washington, D.C. office. We also encourage members and friends of the cooperative to get involved and make their voice heard on Capitol Hill. Please visit Action.coop for more information.

2-4 MINUTE VIDEO

**WHAT DID YOU LEARN
FROM THE STUDY
MATERIALS AND WHY
SHOULD YOU REPRESENT
SOUTHERN RIVERS ENERGY
ON YOUTH TOUR?**

GOOD LUCK!