



Seeking Students for a Tour of Our Nation's Capital

Central Georgia EMC will be sending two remarkable student delegates on an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 9-16, 2016.

Since the mid-1960s, the Washington Youth Tour (WYT) has brought nearly 50,000 students from rural areas and small towns to our nation's capital for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The fast-paced, seven-day adventure begins in Atlanta, where delegates learn about the role of Georgia's electric cooperatives, the sponsor of the tour. The student delegates then fly to Washington, D.C., where they will have the opportunity to meet with state and national leaders, and see the inner workings of our Supreme Court.

They will experience Washington's culture and tour national treasures like the Lincoln, Korean War,

and Vietnam Veterans memorials. Exploring Washington, D.C., with a group of their peers forms friendships that will last a lifetime. The opportunity to work as part of a team and develop leadership skills can prove invaluable for future career paths.

In addition to being a great accomplishment to add to a college application, former delegates are eligible for the Youth Tour Alumni Scholarship, awarded yearly by the Glenn English National Cooperative Leadership Foundation.

For more information, please visit our website at www.cgemc.com/washington-youth-tour/ or contact Vicki Jolley at 770-504-7861, or vjolley@cgemc.com. Deadline for applications is February 5, 2016.



From left, Ramirra Marshall, of Jackson, and Carrianna Simmons, of Griffin, represented Central Georgia EMC on the 2015 Washington Youth Tour.



Central Georgia EMC delegates Ramirra Marshall and Carrianna Simmons pose for a photo op in front of the White House.

Tentative 2016 Itinerary

- Atlanta: Kickoff banquet and team-building activities.
- Flight to Washington, D.C.
- Tour and lunch at Mount Vernon; dinner at Union Station; evening guided tour of memorials; photo opportunity at the White House
- Guided tour of Lincoln, Korean War, and Vietnam Veterans memorials; Arlington National Cemetery tour; "Peter Pan" at Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia, Md.
- All States assembly; tour the Smithsonian museums; cruise on Potomac River
- Tour Supreme Court, U.S. Capitol, and Washington National Cathedral; Sunset Parade at U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima statue)
- Meet with Georgia's congressional delegation; tour Newseum and Madame Tussauds Wax Museum; All States farewell event
- Return flight to Atlanta



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If you only want to heat or supplement inadequate heating in one room, small space heaters can be less expensive to use than your central heating system.

Source: energy.gov

Find the Hidden Savings in Your Home

A home energy audit is often the first step in saving energy and money. An Energy Services Representative can help you determine how much energy your home uses, suggest energy-efficient solutions, and help you prioritize your energy efficiency upgrades. Central Georgia EMC offers three types of energy audits for our customers.

Free In-home Energy Audit

CGEMC will schedule an in-home appointment with our trained Energy Services Representative to perform a visual inspection, and make recommendations to improve energy efficiency. The energy auditor will check the insulation levels in the attic, basement, and crawl space, and perform an infrared inspection of the exterior walls. Our Energy Services Representative will evaluate the ductwork and HVAC units for any visual signs of inefficiency. A written follow-up report will help you make informed decisions on energy improvements. Making recommended energy improvements can save you up to 30 percent on your monthly electric bill. This service is free to our EMC customers.



Advanced Energy Audit

Members seeking to upgrade their home's energy efficiency may find the in-home advanced energy audit an excellent way to start this process. Using advanced technology, our Building Professional Institute-certified energy auditor will offer a complete picture of a home's energy use. He will help identify and prioritize energy efficiency upgrades. The comprehensive audit is available for \$300 and includes a written follow-up report. The savings from identifying and correcting energy waste can equal hundreds of dollars over the life of your home.



Do-It-Yourself Online Audit

If you are interested in our in-home audit service, but just cannot find the time, visit our website at www.cgemc.com and click on HomeEnergySuite in the Quick Links section on our home page. There are two energy calculators to help you determine the best way to improve home energy efficiency. The HomeEnergy Calculator will provide

estimates of energy usage costs and, based on your responses, identify ways to save. The Analyze My Bill Calculator will break down your energy use by examining your bills and recommend energy-saving measures.

The HomeEnergySuite Special Purpose Calculators allow you to analyze how much energy that appliances, lighting, televisions, heat pumps, and space heaters use. These calculators are useful if you are thinking of buying a new appliance or want to reduce the cost of existing appliance use on your monthly electric bill.



Upgrade Your Energy Efficiency with a HomePlus Loan

Are you looking to improve energy efficiency in your home in 2016? Central Georgia EMC wants to help you stretch your energy dollar and potentially save money with our HomePlus Loan program.

CGEMC has partnered with GEMC Federal Credit Union to offer home improvement loans for energy efficiency to CGEMC members. To qualify, you must be a mem-



ber in good standing with CGEMC, and meet financing standards set by GEMC Federal Credit Union. If the loan is approved, your monthly loan payment will appear on your CGEMC utility bill as a HomePlus Loan.



The HomePlus Loan is for the purchase and installation of the following types of equipment in existing homes:

- ENERGY STAR-rated heating and cooling systems
- ENERGY STAR-rated windows
- ENERGY STAR-rated electric and solar water heaters
- Insulation for home attics, walls, crawl spaces, and basements
- Weatherization items (weather stripping, caulking, sealing and insulation ductwork)



Please visit our website at www.cgemc.com/homeplus/ for more information.

Central Georgia EMC Disperses Capital Credit Checks

The Board of Directors of Central Georgia EMC announced a capital credit refund to electric consumers who received service during 1996 and 1997. The refund checks were mailed out on December 4, 2015.



The total amount of this refund was \$1,842,055.40, which represents the remaining margins for 1996 and half of the total margins for 1997. 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.

Recipe of the Month



Easy Dijon Chicken Bake

*From the kitchen of
Elizabeth Hickman*

Ingredients:

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- ½ cup Dijon mustard
- ¼ cup maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 fresh sprigs of rosemary, chopped

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a small bowl, mix Dijon mustard, maple syrup, and vinegar. Place chicken breasts into a 9-by-13-inch greased baking dish. Season with salt and pepper. Pour mustard mixture over chicken, coating each piece. Bake for 30-40 minutes until chicken is done. Season with chopped rosemary. Serve.

Space Heater Safety

Safety is a top consideration with small space heaters. When buying and installing one, follow these guidelines:

- Only purchase newer-model heaters with all the current safety features. Make sure the heater carries the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label.
- Select a heater of the proper size for the room you wish to heat. Most heaters come with a sizing table.
- Locate the heater on a level surface, away from foot traffic. Be especially careful to keep children and pets away from the heater.



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Local Students Encouraged to Apply for \$1,000 Scholarship

Central Georgia EMC is accepting applications for the Walter Harrison Scholarship through Friday, January 29, 2016. Central Georgia EMC will submit three entries to participate in the statewide competition. Ten scholarship recipients will be selected statewide.



The application and more information are available by calling CGEMC Marketing Services, 770-504-7831 or on our website at www.cgemc.com/walter-g-harrison-scholarship/



Start the New Year by Going Paperless



Do you have a New Year's resolution to minimize the paper clutter in your home? An excellent way to start is to sign up for CGEMC's E-Bill.

With E-Bill, our convenient paperless billing solution, you receive an exact copy of your electric bill electronically by email. When you receive the email, just click on the Web address provided, and it will guide you directly to your account information on the CGEMC website.

To enroll in E-Bill, please visit the Customer Portal, choose My Account, E-Notifications, then E-Bill. Customer log in will be required.

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