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YOUTH TOUR 2026

Bailey and Annie represent SREC on the Youth Tour

BAILEY Anderson of Simms and Annie Diekhans of Power represented SREC at this year's National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

Montana's delegation included 29 students from electric cooperatives across the state. The group met in Great Falls on a Saturday for orientation before flying to Washington, D.C., the next morning for a week of learning, sightseeing and connection.

After arriving, students stayed at National Harbor, where NRECA welcomed them and introduced them to Co-op 101, a session designed to help



them learn more about electric cooperatives and the role cooperatives play in their communities.

The week began with visits to Arlington National Cemetery, the Iwo Jima Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and The People's House Museum. The day ended with a Washington Nationals baseball game.

On Tuesday, students explored the Smithsonian museums and visited additional national monuments throughout the city.

Wednesday gave students the opportunity to visit Capitol Hill. They met

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Annie Diekhans of Power, left, and Bailey Anderson of Simms were chosen by SREC to go on the Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

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YOUTH TOUR

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with Senator Steve Daines in his office, spoke with staff members from Montana's other congressional offices, and had the chance to ask questions. Staff members also led the group on a tour of the Capitol Building.

After a full day on Capitol Hill, the students joined delegates from Georgia, Colorado and Wyoming for a boat cruise on the Potomac River.

On Thursday, the group traveled by bus to Gettysburg, where they visited the museum and took a guided tour of the battlefield. That evening, they joined more than 1,500 Youth Tour delegates from electric cooperatives across the country for a program featuring a motivational speaker and more information about Youth Tour and electric cooperatives.

On Friday, students visited the National Museum of the Marine Corps and Mount Vernon. The day concluded with a large gathering for all delegates, complete with food, games and dancing. Saturday marked the final day of the trip, but the group still had time to visit the International Spy Museum before flying home.

The Youth Tour is an unforgettable opportunity for students to gain leadership skills, learn about cooperatives, visit our nation's capital and meet other young people from across the United States. 



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My favorite parts of the trip were visiting Arlington National Cemetery and the National Museum of the Marine Corps. It was also a lot of fun to meet new people and learn more about our country. I think it is a great idea to apply for this trip and put yourself out there.

– **Bailey Anderson, Simms,**
Youth Tour Participant,
Sun River Electric

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My favorite parts of the trip were Arlington National Cemetery and Mount Vernon. I also enjoyed meeting delegates from across Montana. This trip helped us learn about and appreciate our heritage. It gives students the opportunity to travel, experience new places and meet new people.

– **Annie Diekhans, Power,**
Youth Tour Participant,
Sun River Electric

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SREC 2nd place float winners

SREC employees are always good about volunteering in their local communities! 294284