

Win a Trip

This summer Lacreek Electric will sponsor two area students at the South Dakota Rural Electric Youth Excursion. This three day event will be headquartered in Bismarck, N.D.

The young people attending the excursion will have the opportunity to make new friends with participants from their rural electric cooperatives. During the three day excursion, students learn about the basics of cooperatives, how the region's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives work together and career opportunities at cooperatives.

Participants will tour Basin Electric Power Cooperative facilities near Beulah, N.D. While at Beulah, the students tour the Great Plains Synfuels plant, operated by Basin Electric subsidiary Dakota Gasification Company (DGC). The synfuels plant transforms coal into natural gas and other by-products. After touring DGC, the students go next door to see the Antelope Valley Station (AVS), a 900- megawatt coal-fired power plant. At the plant, students peak inside the 277 foot boiler which transforms heat produced from the coal into steam energy which then turns the plant's turbines. Next they will tour Coteau Properties' Freedom Mine, which supplies coal to both DGC and AVS. Students will watch as the mine's drag line removes huge buckets of overburden from above the mine's coal seam. The bucket on the drag line can hold the equivalent of four Chevrolet Suburban vehicles. The students also will watch as the mine's 300 ton coal haulers transport lignite coal from the coal pit to the handling facilities. The last stop of the day is a drive through the 40 mw Wilton Wind Farm, north of Bismarck, N.D. The farm is operated by FPL energy and Basin Electric purchases the energy output of the farm.

Evenings will be spent swimming, a riverboat cruise on the Missouri River, dancing, shopping and making new friends.

WHO is eligible? All 14 to 16 year old students whose parents or guardians are members of Lacreek Electric.

WHAT does it cost? The trip is funded by Lacreek Electric. Funding for the trip provides for each participant's transportation, lodging, meals, entertainment, and sight-seeing events. Students are required to supply their own personal shopping money.

HOW do I qualify? Contact your electric cooperative or fill out the application form below and return it to your electric cooperative for a random drawing.

Youth Excursion Application Form

Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Birth Date _____

School Attended _____ Yr. in School _____