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CFEMC delegates tour our nation's capital on the Washington Youth Tour

A NEWSLETTER FROM
COWETA-FAYETTE EMC



Adalynn Jordan (pictured left), a sophomore at Northgate High School, and Grace Faison (pictured right), a junior at Coram Deo Classical School, were selected to represent CFEMC on the 2024 Washington Youth Tour.

Every year, Coweta-Fayette EMC (CFEMC) recognizes outstanding high school students who are leaders in their schools, communities, places of worship, or academic and community organizations by providing an all-expense paid leadership development opportunity through the Washington Youth Tour (WYT), along with other Georgia's electric cooperatives, and cooperatives from across the U.S.

The annual WYT offers Georgia delegates opportunities to meet legislators, tour historic museums and monuments in the nation's capital, and participate in educational development and leadership experiences, all while bonding with peers. This year, 112 students sponsored by 38 of Georgia's EMCs attended the Washington Youth Tour, held from June 14-21 in Washington, D.C.

Highlights in the nation's capital included stops at many of our nation's most historic sites, such as Arlington Cemetery, where Georgia's delegates participated in a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and George Washington's Mount Vernon. They also took guided tours of the Jefferson, Lincoln, FDR, MLK Jr., WWII, Vietnam Veterans, Korean War, and Pentagon 9/11 memorials.

In addition, CFEMC delegates toured the U.S. Capitol, stopped by the White House for a photo, viewed the Declaration of Independence at the National Archives, and visited the Supreme Court and the Smithsonian and art museums on the National Mall before taking a group photo with U.S. Senators Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock.

While bonding with peers, they also enjoyed dinner, a show at Toby's Dinner Theater, and an evening boat cruise on the Potomac River with delegates from around the nation.

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For more than 50 years, the WYT has helped promising student leaders become exceptional young adults while inspiring our next generation of leaders.

EMC leaders and former student delegates agree the WYT has grown into an invaluable program that gives young Americans an experience that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

More information about the Washington Youth Tour can be found on our website at www.utility.org. Applications for the 2025 Georgia Electric Cooperative Youth Tour (WYT) will be available in January 2025.

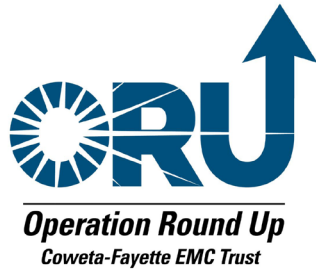


Pictured above: 2024 Georgia EMC Washington Youth Tour Delegates with Senators Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock.



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2024 MID-YEAR GRANT REVIEW



\$88,920

total dollars given back to our community

Adult Disability Medical Healthcare

Adventure Bags, Inc.

Atlanta Community Food Bank

Bloom Our Youth, Inc.

City of Newnan

Coweta County Sheriff's Office

Coweta FORCE

Fayette Pregnancy Resource Center

Fayette Senior Services, Inc.

Ferst Readers, Inc.

FOCUS

Healing Bridge Clinic, Inc.

Heard County Sheriff's Office

Make A Wish

Operation Appreciation, Inc.

Real Life Center

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Young Life Fayette County

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The President's Message



Chris Stephens, CEO

As summer heats up in Georgia, the season brings sunny days and the risk of severe weather. From pop-up thunderstorms to the potential impact of hurricanes, our cooperative is committed to providing a reliable source of electricity while ensuring the safety and well-being of you, our members.

Understanding the Summer Storm Outlook

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has forecasted an above-average hurricane season this year. While we are located inland and may not experience the direct impact of a hurricane like our coastal counterparts, the remnants of these powerful storms can still bring heavy rainfall, high winds, and the possibility of tornadoes. Additionally, our region frequently experiences sudden and intense pop-up thunderstorms that can cause localized flooding, power outages, and downed power lines.

Staying Safe During Outages

Power outages are a common consequence of severe storms. Here are some essential tips to help you stay safe and prepared:

1. **Create an Emergency Kit:** Make sure you have a well-stocked emergency kit that includes flashlights, batteries, non-perishable food, water, medications, and first aid supplies.
2. **Charge Your Devices:** Before a storm hits, charge your mobile phones, tablets, and other essential devices. This will help you stay connected and receive important updates.
3. **Report and Track Outages:** If you experience a power outage, report it immediately through our website (utility.org) or app. Our online outage map provides real-time updates and allows you to see the status of outages in your area.
4. **Unplug Sensitive Electronics:** Protect your electronics from power surges by unplugging them during a storm. This includes computers, televisions, and other sensitive devices.
5. **Use Generators Safely:** If you use a generator, make sure it is placed outside in a well-ventilated area. Never use a generator indoors, as it can produce dangerous carbon monoxide gas.

Safety Around Downed Power Lines

One of the most dangerous consequences of severe storms is downed power lines. These lines can be live and highly hazardous. If you encounter a downed power line:

- **Stay Away:** Always assume that downed power lines are live and dangerous. Stay at least 30 feet away and keep others clear of the area.
- **Report Immediately:** Contact us at 770-502-0226 or local authorities to report the downed line. Never attempt to move or touch the line yourself.

Our Commitment to You

Our dedicated employees are always prepared to respond to outages and restore power as quickly and safely as possible. We have implemented advanced technologies and robust protocols to address any issues during a storm efficiently. Remember, your safety is our top priority. Following these tips and staying informed can help protect yourself and your loved ones during summer storms. Together, we can weather any storm that comes our way.