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ANNIE NEELY REPRESENTS SAC OSAGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE IN WASHINGTON D.C.



During the week of June 15th-21st, one hundred and eight high school students participated in Missouri's 62nd annual Missouri Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. This year's delegate for Sac Osage Electric Cooperative was Annie Neely from Lockwood High School. After she returned home, she said she had "the best experience."

Since 1958, the nation's cooperative electric utilities have sponsored more than 60,000 high school students on this trip of a lifetime. The seven-day tour provides an action-filled week for the students, offering them opportunities to learn firsthand what it is like to be involved in politics, leadership positions, community service and today's pressing issues while having fun touring the many monuments.

The highlights of the trip include visiting representatives from their congressional districts, touring monuments, the Smithsonian Institution's museums, Arlington National Cemetery and the International Spy Museum.

The group also took a sightseeing and dance cruise on the Potomac River one evening with the delegations from five other states.

Other events of the week included participation in the Electric Youth Day, during which a special program coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association brought together over 2,000 Youth Tour delegates from across the United States. The delegates enjoyed featured speeches by government leaders and motivational speakers, such as Mike Schlappi, an inspiring four-time Paralympic medalist and two-time world wheelchair basketball champion.

Sac Osage Electric Cooperative is honored to present students such as Annie the trip of a lifetime!

For more information about the Missouri Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program, please go to www.moyouthtour.com.



SAC OSAGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2025

**SAC OSAGE ELECTRIC
HEADQUARTERS**

IN-PERSON EVENT

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM

**BUSINESS MEETING AT
6:30PM**

**FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT,
AND GIVEAWAYS**

INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS



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WHEN THE WEATHER IS EXTREME, USE ENERGY WISELY

We hear a lot about peak energy demand, but what is it and how does it impact electricity use? As the name implies, peak energy demand occurs when energy consumption is at its highest. In much of the U.S., energy use spikes in summer and winter due to the need to heat and cool indoor spaces.

Although it depends on where you live, summertime energy demand increases between mid-to-late afternoon (when outdoor temperatures soar) and evening. In the winter, there are two high-use times of day: early morning and late afternoon/evening.

Changing the time of day you use energy can help lower your energy bills and avoid interruptions or service glitches that can occur during peak demand times. To do this, consider running major appliances during off-peak times; smart devices or appliances that have delay starts can help achieve this goal.

Do your part to use energy wisely

when temperatures are high. In the summer months, help decrease demand by doing the following:

- Turn your thermostat up by two degrees or more.
- Program your thermostat to a higher temperature when no one is home.
- If you do not have one, consider purchasing a smart thermostat.
- Make sure your HVAC system is in good working order.
- Use bathroom and kitchen fans temporarily to remove heat and humidity.
- Use your countertop toaster/convection oven instead of your oven.
- Avoid using major appliances in the early morning (6AM to 9AM) or late evening (4PM to 7PM)
- Program smart devices to run

appliances at off-peak times.

- Close window coverings during the hottest part of the day.
- Use minimal lighting.
- Turn off and disconnect electronics that are not in use.
- Turn off stand-alone dehumidifiers.

Making small changes to conserve energy can help even out energy use, save money on your utility bill and avoid service interruptions caused by high demand. (safelectricity.org)

Happy Anniversary to our August Employees!



Josh Berning - 25 years



Randon Marshall - 25 years



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FREE & EASY ways to save energy

(Spoiler Alert: Your clothes and dishes won't know the difference)

Major home appliances account for approximately 16% of an average home's energy consumption.

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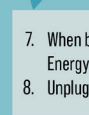
1. Run full loads of laundry instead of several smaller ones.
2. Use cold water to wash your clothes.



3. Keep your refrigerator at 35° to 38°F and your freezer at 0°F.
4. Regularly defrost manual-defrost freezers and refrigerators.



5. Skip the heat-dry setting on your dishwasher.
6. Fully load your dishwasher before washing.



7. When buying new appliances, consider Energy Star versions.
8. Unplug appliances you're not using.



Time to replace that old appliance? Replacing older versions with energy-efficient models can save the average household more than \$500 per year.

Sources: National Resources Defense Council,
U.S. Energy Information Administration

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