

## Win a Free Trip to Washington, D.C.

**F**ebruary 28 is the deadline for applications for Lamar Electric Cooperative's Government-in-Action Youth Tour Contest.

For more than 40 years, electric cooperatives have sponsored high school students from across America to visit the nation's capital and meet their members of Congress. You could be part of this tremendous opportunity to learn about the political process and how your federal government works. More than 40,000 students from rural areas and small towns across America have participated in this unique program.

Lamar Electric Cooperative is again sponsoring two students from the Lamar Electric service area for an all-expense-paid trip to

Washington, D.C., June 7-15, 2007. Lamar Electric winners will join about 100 students from across Texas, winners of similar contests, on this trip of a lifetime. Sponsorship includes airfare, transportation while in Washington, hotel rooms, meals, entrance into many of the sites and Youth Tour T-shirts, which help identify the participants.

While in Washington, tour participants from Texas will visit their congressman, tour the House and Senate chambers, the Supreme Court and the Library of Congress, and have photo sessions on Capitol Hill and in front of the White House. The group will also see the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns and tour the Washington Zoo; National

Cathedral; Arlington Cemetery; Lincoln Memorial; Vietnam Memorial; World War II Memorial; Korean War Memorial; Mount Vernon; Theodore Roosevelt Memorial; Old Town Alexandria; Ford's Theatre and Petersen House; Smithsonian Museums of American Art, National History, American History, and the National Museum of American Indians; Air & Space Museum; Union Station and the Old Post Office Pavilion. In addition, the students will visit the Hard Rock Café, experience the Washington at Night Driving Tour, and see the Sunset Parade at Iwo Jima. On the last night in Washington, Youth Tour groups from all states will come together for a dinner and dance.

### ENTRY INFORMATION

To enter this year's contest, you must be between 15 and 19 years of age, and your parents or legal guardians must be members of Lamar Electric Cooperative. Entrants should submit an essay of about 500 words entitled "Electricity—What Is It?" Tell us how it is generated and how it gets to your home so that you can turn on the lights.

Please include a cover sheet with your essay with the following information: name, age, address, phone number, parent's name, LEC account number and school name.

Mail your essay to: Member Services, Lamar Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 580, Paris, TX 75461, or deliver to 1485 N. Main in Paris by February 28, 2007.

For more information, contact Laura Williams at Lamar Electric Cooperative at (903) 784-4303.



Meeting students from across the state and the nation is one of the highlights of the Youth Tour.



Lamar Electric Cooperative's 2006 Youth Tour winners Kally Hinton and Erika Nelams got to see sights such as the U.S. Capitol Building.



Erika Nelams checks out some potential souvenirs.



Kally Hinton gathers with Youth Tour winners from across the nation.



Erika Nelams and Kally Hinton got to meet U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall on their trip to Washington, D.C.



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### YOUR "LOCAL PAGES"

This section of *Texas Co-op Power* magazine is produced by LEC each month to provide you with information about current events, safety, special programs and other activities of the cooperative. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact the local office.

### MEMBER BENEFITS:

- Level billing
- Automated meter reading
- Free bank draft service
- Visa, Discover and MasterCard accepted
- Security lighting available
- Surge protection available

# Lamar Electric Co-op Lends a Hand

## FOOD DRIVE 2006



Lamar Electric Cooperative sponsored a food drive during December to help needy families in our area. Pictured with the food collected are LEC employees Betty Wood and Laura Williams. The donations were taken to the Watson Food Pantry in Clarksville. The Watson Food Pantry feeds about 1,800 people every month.

## ANGEL TREE



LEC adopted a family of three children from the Angel Tree. Gifts were purchased providing each child with a set of clothes, a pair of shoes and a toy. Pictured with the items are LEC employees Marci Thompson and Marti Chumbley. LEC also made donations to other charitable organizations that help the needy with food and toys during the holiday season.

# Capital Credit Checks Returned

Thousands of capital credit checks have been returned to Lamar Electric Cooperative as undeliverable by the post office.

Checks in amounts proportionate to each member's patronage were distributed in December to current and former members who have capital credit balances for 1965-69 and to those members whose capital credit allocation for any previous year before 1995 was less than \$5.

It is very important that members and former members keep Lamar EC updated with their current address so that when capital credits are paid, their check will be delivered to them. Heirs to the estates of former LEC members should provide Lamar



LEC employee Dana McFadden sorts through the thousands of returned capital credit checks.

Electric with a Letter of Testimony/  
Power of Attorney and a death certifi-

cate to claim the capital credits of  
deceased family members.

## Annual Meeting Notice

Lamar Electric Cooperative will hold its annual meeting on April 14 at Love Civic Center in Paris.

