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"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." – Calvin Coolidge

Sierra Electric Cooperative to Select Two Students for NRECA's Washington D.C. Youth Tour

Sierra Electric Cooperative is sponsoring an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. as part of the **National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Government-in-Action Youth Tour**, for students age 16-19, whose parents are members of Sierra Electric Cooperative.

The Youth Tour has three main objectives:

- To educate young adults on all aspects of rural electrification in order to promote a better understanding of the value of rural electric cooperatives.
- To provide an opportunity for young adults to visit monuments, government buildings and cooperative-related organizations in order to become familiar with the historical and political environment of their nation's capital.
- To provide an opportunity for young adults to meet elected officials in order to better understand the workings of our federal government.

Contest applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and are required to prepare responses to several essay questions on energy and cooperative-related subjects. Applications and resource materials that may be helpful to contestants are available at Sierra Electric Cooperative or at the Hot Springs High School Guidance Office. Each entrant's essay responses will be judged on the basis of the student's knowledge of the subject, originality, composition, neatness and grammar. **Deadline for submitting essays is January 15, 2016.** Essays should be hand delivered to Sierra Electric at 610 Hwy 195, Elephant Butte or mailed to Sierra Electric, P.O. Box 290, Elephant Butte, NM 87935. Finalists will be selected to appear for interviews by a committee of judges. The winners will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. June 11-17, 2016. For more information, contact Sierra Electric at 575-744-5231.

Welcome New Employee, Jennifer Zagorski!

A new smiling face will welcome you when you stop in the Sierra Electric office. Please join Sierra Electric in welcoming our newest employee, Jennifer Zagorski, to the team. Jennifer joins us as the Customer Services Representative, and she will be helping to provide reliable, quality electric service to all our members.



A native of Sierra County, you may recognize Jennifer from her previous employment at Sierra County Dispatch and Sierra County Administration. Jennifer is an avid athlete and enjoys staying active running marathons and playing a variety of sports. Jennifer is passionate about spending time with her young son; his education and future are very important to her.

We are very excited to work with Jennifer and invite our members to stop in the office and welcome her to the team.

7th Principle of a Cooperative – Concern for Community

2015 Luminaria Beach Walk

Sierra Electric staff, along with their friends and family, participated in the **2015 Luminaria Beach Walk**, which is an annual event sponsored by the Elephant Butte Chamber of Commerce. There were approximately 25 campsites situated along the sandy beach paths lit by 4,000 luminarias. All campsites accepted donations on behalf of the Elephant Butte Rotary Club, who use the donations to fund local education scholarships and the “**Make-A-Wish Foundation of NM**”. The Sierra Electric team served green chile stew and holiday cheer to the community.



Sierra Electric Donates to Shop with a Cop

Member Services Coordinator Jenny Stuckmeyer presented a donation of \$200.00 on behalf of the Sierra Electric Cooperative to State Park Ranger Jake Morales for the local **Shop with a Cop** program.



EPA Clean Power Plan

The **Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA)** final rule to address carbon dioxide emissions from fossil-fueled power plants, called the **Clean Power Plan (CPP)**, was released on August 3, 2015. Please visit Sierra Electric’s website, www.sierraelectric.org and click on the EPA Clean Power Plan link in the Quick Links section for more information.

The Board of Trustees, Staff, and Employees of Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc. wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*SEC Holiday closings: December 25th Christmas Day
January 1st New Year’s Day*

May your holidays be merry and bright!



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