

Students to visit Gettysburg, Hershey, state Capitol

Tri-County to host leadership trip for high school juniors

Tri-County Rural Electric plans to sponsor students from the co-op's service territory on a four-day all-expenses-paid trip that will include stops in Gettysburg, Harrisburg and Hershey in July.

If you are a high school junior who enjoys sight-seeing, history, politics and making new friends, then Tri-County's Youth Leadership Trip may be for you.

The selected students will have the opportunity to take part in leadership training and a guided tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield led by retired U.S. Air Force Col. Fred Wieners. A licensed battlefield guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park, Wieners provides participants with a memorable, meaningful, and motivating experience seeing "where and by whom great things were suffered and done for us" during the pivotal three-day Battle of Gettysburg.

During the trip, which will take place July 18-21, participants will also receive a tour of the state Capitol Building in Harrisburg. Other activities tentatively include a tour of Chocolate World in Hershey and a visit to the Hershey Botanical Gardens.

Tri-County is hosting the trip in lieu of the annual Rural Electric Youth Tour of Washington, D.C., which has been cancelled for a second consecutive year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you are interested in participating in the Tri-County trip, here's what you need to know:

Rules for 2021 Tri-County Historic PA Leadership Tour

1. Contest is open to any high school junior (2020-21 school year) whose parents or legal guardians are members of Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative or who reside in a school district located within the co-op's territorial boundaries.

2. Write a short essay, no more than one page, based on the following: What does being a good leader mean to you?

3. Your essay must be typed and should not exceed one page.

4. Complete the application on the following page and staple it to your essay. Mail to: Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative, Attn: Bryan Berguson, P.O. Box 526, Mansfield, PA 16933. A fillable PDF version of the application is available on the Tri-County website, www.tri-countyrec.com. The completed application and essay can be submitted via email to: bryanh@ctenterprises.org.

5. Entries must be received in the Mansfield office by 4 p.m., June 25.

6. Those selected as Tri-County's Tour delegates will be notified by July 2.

7. The decision of the judges is final.

For more information about the tour and agenda, call Tri-County's Mansfield office at (570) 662-2175 or 1-800-343-2559, see your high school guidance counselor or browse our Web site at www.tri-countyrec.com.