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**SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC SENDS STUDENT ON THE
2010 YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Sangre De Cristo Electric has selected one high school junior to represent SDCEA at the 2010 Youth Tour held June 11-17 in Washington, D.C. Hayley Thompson from Salida High School was selected based on the essay and application she submitted. She will join students from around the state in Denver for a day to get acquainted and learn about rural electric systems in Colorado before flying off to our nation's Capitol.

The Youth Tour is an opportunity for high school students to learn about our government in a week of educational and fun events. Students from all over the United States, sponsored by their local rural electric cooperatives, converge to tour the exciting sites around the D.C. area as well as meet with industry and government officials. Over 1,400 students attended the event in 2009. The Youth Tour gives students a hands-on look at the history surrounding our government as well as a chance to see it in action. A full day is spent on Capitol Hill meeting with the Colorado congressional delegation, even eating lunch in the cafeteria with congressional staffers. In addition, the students are introduced to issues faced by rural electric cooperatives on a state as well as national level.

The trip is an all-expenses paid trip and has proven to be very educational and beneficial to every student who has participated. Those applying must submit an essay of at least 300 words regarding a topic related to the electric utility industry along with the application form. The winners are selected based on their essays and the information they provide on the application form. "Sangre De Cristo Electric is proud to have such a fine young adult represent us at the 2010 Youth Tour" said CEO Paul Erickson. "We believe the Youth Tour is a wonderful way for young people to learn about the electric utility industry and our government. Its part of our commitment to the communities we serve."

The Youth Tour is open to all area high school juniors whose parents are members of Sangre De Cristo Electric. The contest takes place each November to early December of each year. Application packets are mailed to the guidance counselors at all local high schools, available at our headquarters in Buena Vista, or available for download from our website www.MyElectric.Coop. For more information contact the Member Services at (719) 395-4589 or (800) 933-3823 or nyberg@myelectric.coop.

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