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**SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC SENDS STUDENTS ON THE
2012 YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Sangre de Cristo Electric has selected Carson Colgate, a junior from Custer County High School, and Makenzie Jacobs, a junior from Buena Vista High School, to represent SDCEA at the 2012 Youth Tour held June 15 - 21 in Washington, D.C. They 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 capital.

Students from all over the United States, sponsored by their local rural electric cooperatives, meet to tour the sites around the D.C. area and to meet with energy industry and government officials. Over 1,400 students attended the event in 2011. A full day is spent on Capitol Hill meeting with the Colorado congressional delegation and eating lunch in the cafeteria with congressional staffers. The students are introduced to issues faced by rural electric cooperatives on a state as well as national level.

The trip is all-expenses paid and the winner(s) are selected based on an essay of at least 300 words regarding a topic related to the electric utility industry and an application they submit. "Sangre de Cristo Electric is proud to have such fine young adults represent us at the 2012 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. It is 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 December. Application packets are mailed to the guidance counselors at all local high schools, are available at our headquarters in Buena Vista, or available for download from our website www.myelectric.coop. For more information contact Linda in Member Services at (719) 395-4589, (800) 933-3823, or by email at nyberg@myelectric.coop.

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