

## High School Students - "Say Yes" to Youth Tour to Washington D.C.

Pee Dee Electric is seeking applications from high school students willing to step out of their comfort zone and "SAY YES" to the opportunity of lifetime: The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

The Youth Tour allows students to experience the nation's capital like they never have before. Tourists can expect to take part in adventures like laying a flag at the Vietnam War Memorial, visiting the Washington Monument, meeting elected officials and touring Smithsonian museums, all while building connections with peers and future leaders across the nation.

Pee Dee Electric will sponsor up to two local students to join the 2019 Youth Tour. The all-expense paid, weeklong Tour is a 50-year tradition of electric cooperatives across the country. More than 1,800 students from over 40 states are expected to participate June 15-21, 2019 and North Carolina's electric cooperatives will send a delegation of nearly 45 students.

Co-op officials and past Tour participants agree: the Tour is the perfect way for the delegates to see democracy up close and in action.

- The Youth Tour is an opportunity for remarkable students to have an eye-opening backstage pass to our nation's capital.
- Youth delegates will meet with members of North Carolina's congressional delegation, connect with a network of talented peers, and grow their leadership skills and ambitions.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Students must be entering their Junior or Senior year in Fall of 2019
- Students must live in a home served by Pee Dee Electric
- Delegates will be selected based on their completed application, written essay, and an in-person interview
- The deadline to register is December 10
- Applications for Youth Tour are available by contacting Seth Allen at Pee Dee Electric, 704-694-7604 or [sallen@pdemc.com](mailto:sallen@pdemc.com)

## Sarah Burr is Lilesville Fire Queen

Lilesville Fire Department is proud to announce Miss Sarah Burr as the 2018 Fire Queen. Sarah is an eleventh grader at Anson High School. She plans to attend Wingate University and major in Pharmacy. She enjoys shopping and singing. She attends Gum Springs Baptist Church, and is an active member of the Youth Group.



Sarah said, "I feel honored to represent the Town of Lilesville as the Lilesville Fire Queen."

Sarah is the daughter of Jeff and Amanda Burr of Lilesville. Her grandparents are Susan and the late Francis Burr of Lilesville, Ed and Kathy Huntley, and the late Donnie Cook, all of Wadesboro.

She has three siblings, Morgan, Aubrey and Mackay. Sarah will serve the department in upcoming parades, and in functions of the Lilesville Fire Department.

## NC Insurance Commissioner Causey Approves Decrease to Workers' Compensation Rates

N.C. business owners may soon enjoy lower operating costs. On October 19, Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey approved an average 17.2 percent rate decrease for workers' compensation effective April 1, 2019.

"This rate decrease should serve as an economic boon to the state's small businesses," said Commissioner Causey. "I am pleased to approve the North Carolina Rate Bureau's request for lower rates because it will ultimately put more money in the pockets of business owners and our consumers."

The NCRB files requests of the state's insurance industry to the N.C. Department of Insurance.

On August 29, 2018, the NCRB proposed an average 15.8 percent rate decrease to manufacturing industry groups, an average 16.5 percent decrease to contracting industry groups, and an average 19.3 percent decrease to both office and clerical and goods and services industries. The filing proposed an average 14.7 percent decrease to other, miscellaneous industry groups.

According to the NCRB, the filed decrease is the result of insurance carriers having and paying out fewer workers' compensation claims.

The N.C. Department of Insurance is administered by the North Carolina Industrial Commission, which is housed under the North Carolina Department of Insurance.

## Wadesboro Lions Club Welcomes New Members

The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at the Papa Joe's Restaurant the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information about these meetings or becoming a member, please call Lion Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

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