



Youth Leadership Summit

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What is the Youth Leadership Summit?

You are a leader. In the classroom, on the court, and in your community, you guide and inspire others to contribute their best efforts. Join other young leaders like you from throughout Michigan at this year's Youth Leadership Summit (YLS), presented by Michigan's electric cooperatives. This unique, high-energy experience will help you develop your leadership habits, explore career opportunities in the electric industry, and learn how to be actively involved in the democratic process.

What happens at the YLS?

LEARNING: The Youth Leadership Summit is designed to help you grow as a leader. You'll experience hands-on leadership tracts that give you the tools you need to focus on achieving your highest priorities. Plus, you'll get an inside look at how to be actively involved in the democratic process at your local electric cooperative, as well as in your state and federal government. Remember, students chosen to attend the YLS will automatically be considered to win a FREE trip to the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

INTERACTING: The Youth Leadership Summit takes learning beyond the classroom. This unique, high-energy event revolves around team-building and group learning. Year after year, students who attend the YLS say that getting to know other students from throughout Michigan is one of the most exciting parts of the experience.

GROWING: Where else will you get an opportunity to meet other students from around the state, test your skill at climbing a utility pole, visit a working green-energy wind farm, or take part in the sheer madness of glow-in-the-dark toilet paper dodgeball? From learning new things, to new friendships, the Youth Leadership Summit is a unique experience that will help you grow as a leader.

Where is it?

The Youth Leadership Summit is held at the Kettunen Center, located outside of Tustin, Michigan (just 20 miles south of Cadillac). It's on 160 acres of northern Michigan forests and rolling hills, and it's here that you'll experience a 100-foot vertical bucket truck ride and test your skill at utility pole climbing. Plus, you can use your free-time for trail hiking, or an evening campfire with your new friends

from throughout Michigan.

We stay in dormitory-style rooms with a large, shared bathroom on each floor (it's guys on one side of the building, ladies on the other!). Each room is typically shared by 4-6 students, making it an ideal way to get to know the other YLS participants. All meals are buffet-style, shared in a large dining hall.

How much does it cost?

Nothing. Your electric co-op will pay for you to participate. It is our way of exposing a new generation of young people to what electric cooperatives do, how the cooperative business model works, career opportunities in the electric industry, and to help develop new leaders for our communities.

Interested in attending?

If you are a high school sophomore or junior (grade 10 or 11, homeschoolers, too) and will be 16 or 17 years old at any time in 2012, whose parents or guardians receive electric service from a Michigan electric cooperative, you may apply (see application attached or visit miYLS.com).

Participant selection varies from co-op to co-op, but students are generally chosen based on character, school standings, maturity, leadership qualities, and participation in groups and in your community. You may also be required to submit to an informal interview and/or write a short essay. (Your co-op

reserves the right to alter, waive, or change any eligibility requirement at any time, for any reason, or no reason.)

Interested in also attending the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.?



Students who attend the YLS, scheduled for April 18-20, 2012, are automatically eligible to participate for free in the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington D.C., June 16-21, 2012. Not all YLS participants will be chosen to attend, but all will be considered.

Learn more about Youth Tour at countrylines.com (click on "Youth") and at youthtour.coop.

