

JUNE 10 to 16, 2017

North Dakota Electric Cooperative
YOUTH TOUR

**HIGH SCHOOL
SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS**

**WRITE A WINNING ESSAY AND WIN A TRIP OF A LIFETIME!
An all-expense-paid trip to WASHINGTON, D.C.**

- To enter the essay-writing contest, you must be a sophomore or junior in high school.
- You and your parents or guardian must be served by Verendrye Electric Cooperative.
- If you have a question, contact Tom Rafferty, Verendrye Electric, at the address listed below, or call 701-338-2855 during regular business hours.
- The deadline is Jan. 31, 2017. Email entries to tomdr@verendrye.com or mail to: Youth Tour Essay Contest, Verendrye Electric Cooperative, 1225 Hwy. 2 Bypass E., Minot, ND 58701-7927.



**TOP 3 REASONS TO ENTER
THE ESSAY-WRITING CONTEST**

1. All-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., compliments of Verendrye Electric Cooperative.
2. A whole week to visit unforgettable historic monuments, museums and the U.S. Capitol.
3. A learning experience you'll never forget.

ESSAY QUESTION:

Democracy is the foundation of our American way of life and of cooperative enterprise. The fundamentals of democracy include voter participation, political party affiliation, and public debate of issues. Describe what you think makes our current democracy strong, and provide suggestions for ways our democracy can be made stronger and more effective.

CHECK OUT THE ESSAY-CONTEST GUIDELINES AT

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