

E L E C - O - N E W S

Scholarship Opportunities for Sophomores and Juniors!

Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative along with eight other cooperatives in the northeast Texas area are making plans for the 30th annual East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar (*ETREYS*). *ETREYS* is an all-expense paid week-long leadership and motivational seminar that was developed to promote Cooperative philosophy, ideals and values among young people. Speakers will include nationally-known personalities, college professors and community leaders. Students will be given the opportunity to enhance their leadership and problem-solving skills in a positive learning environment on a college campus as well as compete for scholarship monies that will be awarded during the week.

URECC will sponsor 15 students for the seminar which will be held at East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, Texas the week of June 25—June 29, 2018. Students in their sophomore or junior year in high school who are interested in a “life-changing experience” by taking part in the seminar have until April 20, 2018 to submit an application. Applicant’s parents or legal guardians must be active URECC members. *ETREYS* applications are available from your school counselor or they can be downloaded off our website at urecc.coop. Click on the “Community” tab, then *ETREYS*.

Upshur Rural Electric Now Participating in Youth Tour!

Cooperatives play an integral role in community development. In addition to the scholarships we award to graduating seniors and the scholarship opportunities for Sophomores and Juniors, Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative will now also award an all-expense paid trip for one high school student **that has attended *ETREYS*** to Austin, Texas and Washington D.C.

The Government-in-Action Youth Tour is sponsored by Texas Electric Cooperatives and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. It provides selected students an unforgettable opportunity to visit our state and nation’s capitals and to see with their own eyes the sights they may have only experienced in history books or on television.

In addition to visiting monuments, museums and historical sites, students will get to meet their members of Congress and have a chance to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. For more information, contact Lynn Gray at 903.680.0267 or visit TexasYouthTour.com

Only students that have participated in our *ETREYS* program may apply to be considered for this trip. *ETREYS* applications for the seminar this summer are due by April 20, 2018!

**2018 ANNUAL MEETING**

The URECC Board of Directors has set the Annual Meeting of the Members for Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. An official notice of the meeting will be mailed to each member of the Cooperative as required by the Bylaws. There will be entertainment and registration beginning at 12 noon. The business session will begin at 1:30 p.m. At the end of the business session, there will be a drawing for door prizes. The prizes will include electric bill credit vouchers and small electrical appliances. The mail in ballot door prize is a \$150 electric bill credit voucher.

Right-Of-Way Program

Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative has no control over power outages caused by severe weather; *however*, the frequency and duration of outages can be limited through a vigilant right-of-way clearing program.

Tree trimming, and all phases of right-of-

-way maintenance, are essential to ensuring reliable electric service. This is particularly true in rural areas where trees and other vegetation are more dense. A major portion of electric interruptions are caused by momentary contact between power

lines and tree limbs. Supplying safe and reliable electric service is a top priority, and our right-of-way maintenance program is vital in helping us meet that commitment to our Members. If you are planning to plant any trees, locate the power lines before

any digging. Plant trees far enough away so they will not come in contact with the lines.

Set your account up on

BANK DRAFT!

It is a safe and simple process! Never worry about another late payment!

Contact our Member Service department or visit our website for more information!

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Tree Planting Guide

