

# 2015 Washington Youth Tour



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# My Initiative

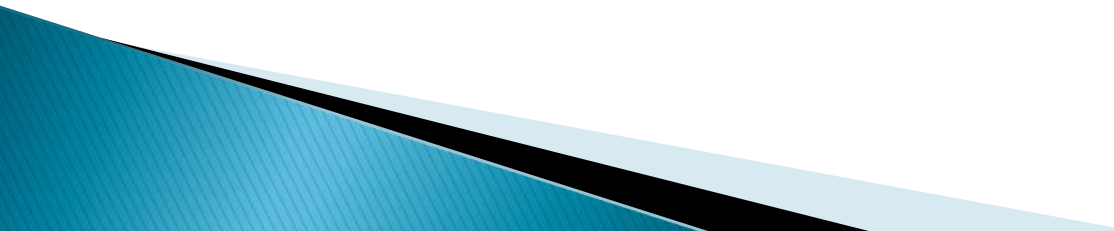
- ▶ When I first heard about the Youth Tour, my first thought was that you had to do some kind of hard long work, and you have to be a straight A student. To my surprise all I had to do was write an essay about how electricity impacts my life, and so I thought, I can do that. Upon the essay completion I felt confident that I would be chosen to go to Washington D.C.



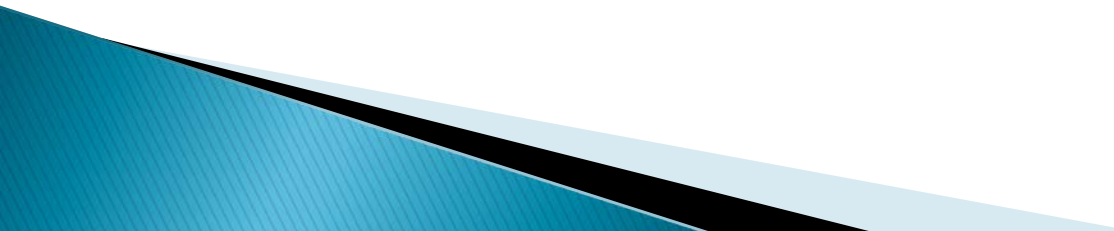
# My Essay

- ▶ In my essay, I explained how electricity impacts not only my life but my Community as well. At first, I said how electricity isn't that important, but as I go on and state how many everyday objects are dependent on the electricity, it just shows you how important electricity in rural areas is.


# What is the Washington Youth Tour?

- ▶ The Washington Youth Tour is for students living in rural areas of the United States to take a journey into our nation's capital and meet new people, make a new experience with citizens within our state and many other states as well, and learn about the history of our nation.
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# Day One

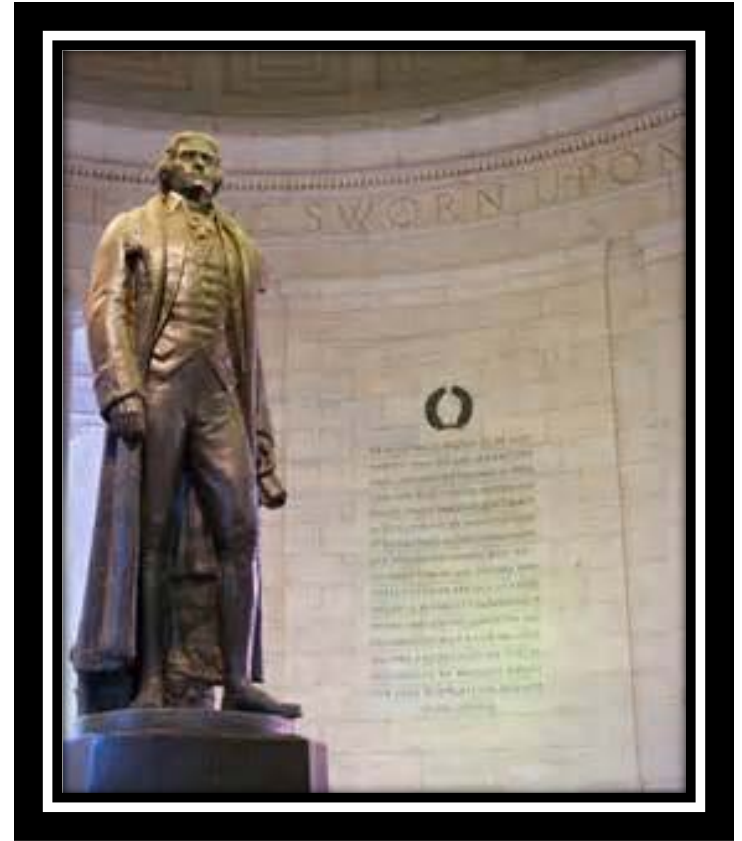
- ▶ The first thing we did as a group during the orientation was introduce ourselves and state where we are from in Arizona or California, and who we are representing. We also played a game where someone had to sign inside one of the many boxes that explained them. Each person had their own thing. Nobody won because everyone signed someone else's name inside the wrong box. After that we had dinner then went to bed.
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# Day Two

- ▶ We all had to wake up early in the morning for our flight to D.C. It was my first time flying.
  - ▶ When we finally arrived in D.C. we checked in our hotel and learned where our rooms are.
  - ▶ After dinner we played a Congressional Insight Game at the hotel. It was basically like being inside the mind of a Congressman and you have to make decisions on what you think is best for everyone. I was actually part of the winning team that night.
  - ▶ Later that day we went to the evening memorials. During that time we saw the Thomas Jefferson memorial – which was one of my favorites.
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# Day Two Pictures

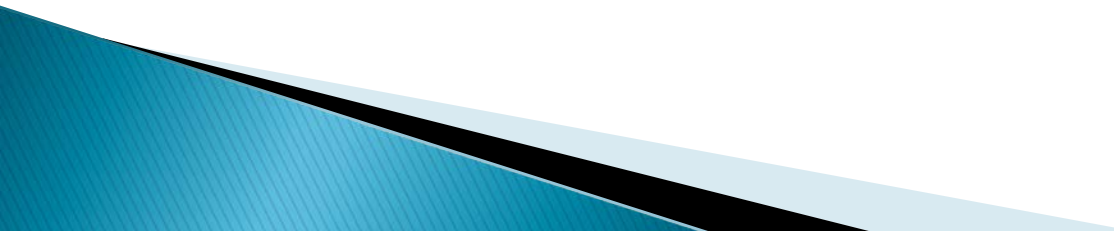
## Congressional Insight Game



Thomas Jefferson  
Memorial



# Day Three

- ▶ On the third day the first thing we did was visit Arlington National Cemetery which was another one of my favorites.
  - ▶ After that we visited the National Cathedral. I thought that was huge from far away, then we got up close and it's even more huge.
  - ▶ Toby's Dinner Theater was where we went for dinner that night, and we also saw "1776-The Musical."
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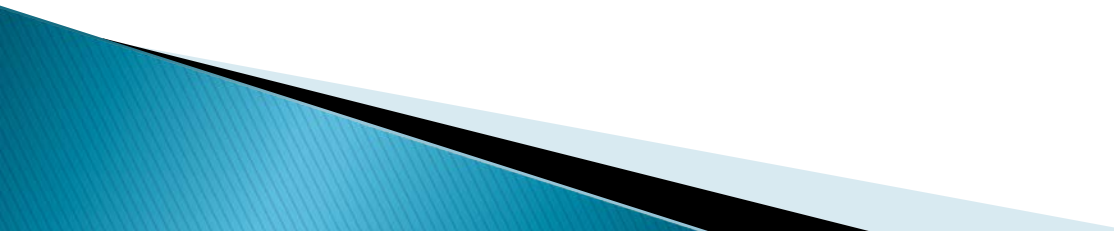
# Day Three Pictures

Arlington National Cemetery



National Cathedral

# Day Four

- ▶ Our first trip of day four was Mount Vernon, where George Washington lived, and is buried in his family tomb.
  - ▶ The second adventure of the day was the United States Marine Corps Museum. This was my favorite museum of them all because it had so much information about all great American wars from the beginning of America to the present day.
  - ▶ The evening memorials we visited that day were the Lincoln Memorial, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.
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# Day Four Pictures



USMC Museum

Mount  
Vernon



# Day Four Pictures

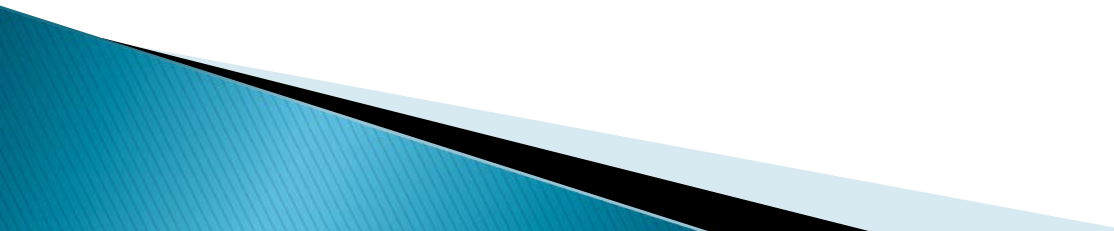


**Martin Luther King  
Memorial**

**Franklin D.  
Roosevelt  
Memorial**



# Day Five

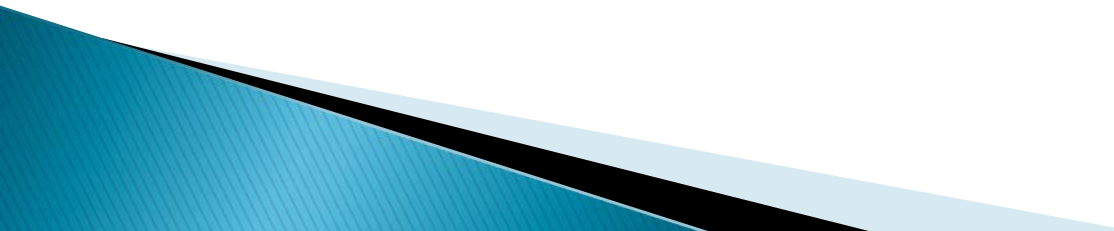
- ▶ Day Five was Youth Day and lots of students from all over the United States were at the hotel. All the states were hyped from the presentation that motivates all of us to be all we can. All of the chosen students from each state went on stage and stated their name and which state they represent.
  - ▶ After that we visited the Smithsonian Museums. I personally went to The American Indian Museum, The Natural History Museum and The Air and Space Museum.
  - ▶ At the end of the day we took a Riverboat Cruise on the Potomac. This was my favorite part of the whole trip because everyone is comfortable with each other and we are no longer strangers. Which made me feel more connected with not only my state but with others as well.
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# Day Five Pictures



*Youth Day*

# Day Six

- ▶ We kicked off day six with the U.S. Capitol tour which I thought was like walking into an art museum because the whole place is beautiful and you can't help but to look at everything in there.
  - ▶ After the Capitol tour we went to The Holocaust Museum which was very emotional because everyone in there is silent out of respect.
  - ▶ The Military Parade was last for the day and that was really exciting for me because I've never seen anything like that, except in movies.
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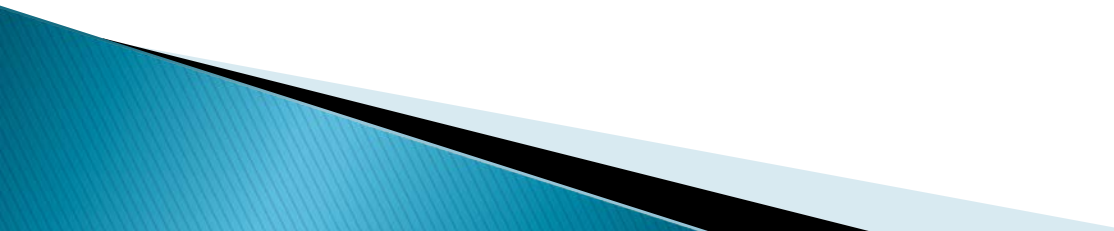
# Day Six Pictures



WE ARE THE SANDS, WE ARE THE LAST WITNESSES.  
WE ARE SAVED FROM BACTERIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL  
FRENCH PLAGUE, PLAGUE, AND ANTHRAX,  
AND BECAUSE WE ARE ONLY MADE OF SAND, WE DRY  
AND METS OF BLOOD AND FLESH, EACH ONE OF US UNDER THE MOON.



# Day Seven

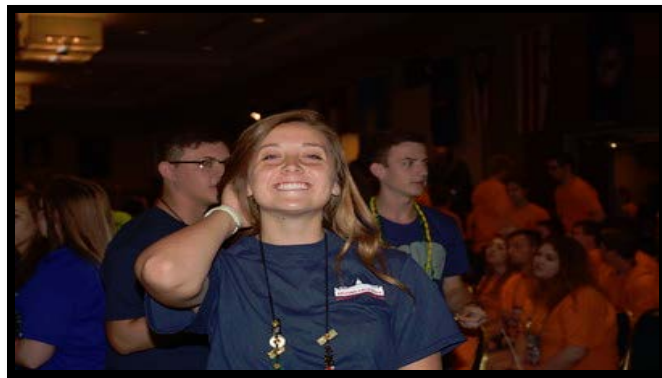
- ▶ We had a short Congressional visit with Ann Kirkpatrick. It was nice that she took the time to talk with us about electricity in rural areas.
  - ▶ After lunch in the Air and Space Museum we said goodbye to D.C. and traveled to Baltimore where we visited Fort McHenry.
  - ▶ We arrived at a new hotel and at the end of the day we had one more bonding dinner with the youth of Arizona at Olive Grove Restaurant.
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# Day Seven Pictures



# On The Way Home

- ▶ We woke up extra early to catch our plane ride back to Arizona. I felt good coming back because I gained confidence in myself and felt like I can make friends with anybody. At the beginning of the trip most of us were shy and quiet, but by the end of the trip we all had a bond together and understood more about the history of America. I missed my home here in Arizona, but I didn't really want to leave D.C. Now I'm here and I can make the best of myself from what I've learned throughout the trip.



# THANK YOU

