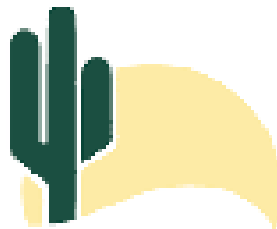




Washington Youth Tour 2013

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My Initiative to Apply

- My JOM (Johnson O'Malley Program) counselor Gene Manuel suggested that I apply because of my qualifications: Good Grades, Behavior, and honor roll.
- The interview- I felt nervous at first but once I introduced myself I felt less nervous because the members of the panel were nice and not intimidating as I thought they would be. After a while I found it easy to answer their questions and the interview went by faster than I thought it would. When I left the interview I was confident that I did good and hoped they would choose me to represent the community.

My Essay

- I currently live in Sacaton, Arizona District 3. I am currently a senior attending Casa Grande Union High School.
- I wrote about saving energy by using solar panels from experience when using solar panels with a science project I did a few years ago. I also wrote about how I deserved to go on the trip because I had good grades and I would represent the community in a good way. I also wrote that I wasn't afraid to travel or meet new people and that I would bring back my experience to the community.

What is the Washington Youth Tour?

- Over 1,500 students from all across America take part in the Youth Tour experience each year and travel to Washington, D.C., where students meet their United States Representative and Senators. This unique trip gives the opportunity to watch history come alive as students explore the museums, memorials and monuments along with their peers. Students meet other student leaders from nearly every state and hear dynamic leaders on Youth Day. Bottom line, students will make friendships that will last a lifetime and be part of a group that has over 50,000 alumni in every walk of life including U.S. Senators and CEOs.



Electric Cooperative Youth Tour 2013

1,600 high school students in the nation's capital

Representing **640** of America's Electric Cooperatives

ONE WEEK

DAY 1 DAY 2 DAY 3 DAY 4 DAY 5 DAY 6 DAY 7

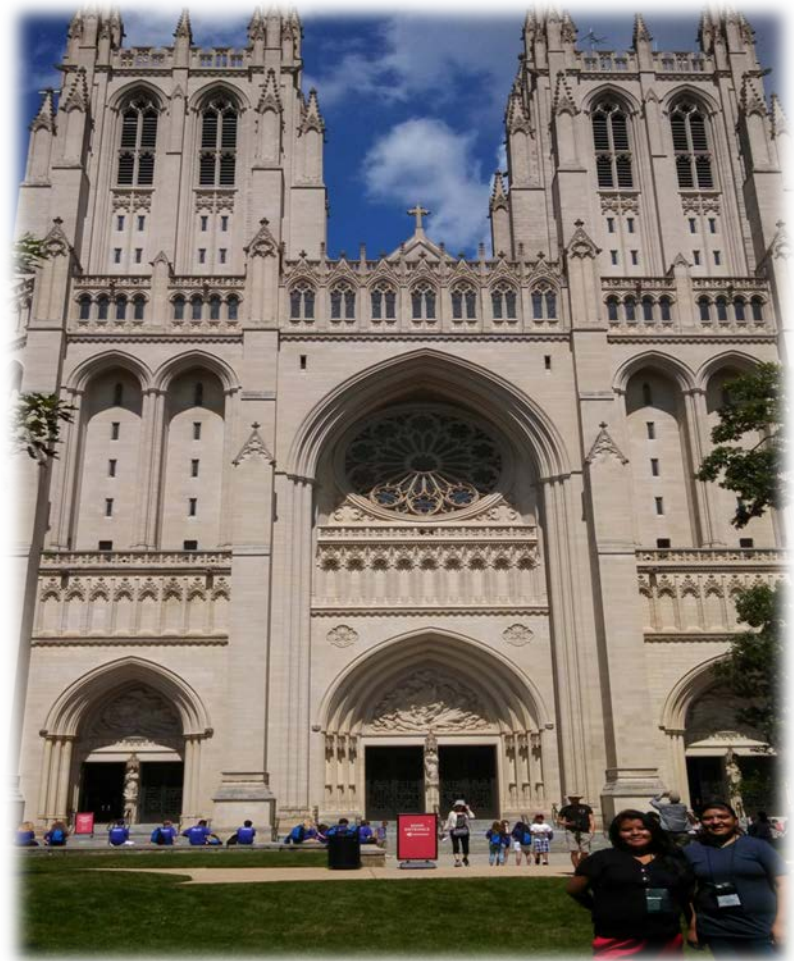
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My First Experience in DC

- The National Cathedral was very breath-taking, the columns were very huge.



The White House

- The White House is the official residence and principal workplace of the President of the United States.



The United States Air Force Concert

- The Airmen of Note was established by Major Glen Miller in 1950.
- The concert was performing premiere jazz songs from the 1950's.



Second Day: Arlington Cemetery

- The Arlington National Cemetery is our nation's most sacred shrine.
- Ira Hayes – Akimel O'otham Soldier that fought in WWII
- Lori Piestewa – she was the first woman and Native American to be killed in Iraqi Freedom.



Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum

- In 1761, Madame Tussaud was born Marie Grosholtz in Strasbourg, France. Her father, a German soldier, died in battle before her birth. By age six, Marie moved to Paris with her mother, who worked as a housekeeper for Dr. Philippe Curtius, a doctor and wax modeler, and became his prodigy. In 1770, Dr. Curtius opened a museum featuring life-size wax figures that immediately became popular among Parisians and visiting royalty. In 1778, Marie had enough experience to create a wax portrait of the French writer, Voltaire. Two years later, she was appointed art tutor to Madame Elisabeth, the sister of Louis XVI, and lived at the magnificent Palace of Versailles for the next nine years.



National American History Museum

- We went to the Thomas Edison Era, we saw insulators, Electric lines which are called a primary line, electrical meters, different types of light bulbs, and steam turbine.



Lazy Susan's Dinner Theater

- The play that we saw was the Lazy Chaperone. The lazy chaperone- has so many twist to the play. A showgirl has met her true love which happens to be a rich boy from the Hamptons. The manager of the show girl hates the Idea of her getting married; he hires a two gangsters to sabotage the affairs. However, in the meantime the girl's fiancé's grandmother and her friends who are former show biz cats and love to drink , their job is to watch the bride and keep her away from the groom.



Third Day: United States Marine Corp Museum

- The museum was sectored into six sections which ranged from World War I to Iraqi Freedom.
- My favorite part was the Vietnam War because the displays were so realistic along with the sounds. It was very informative about the weapons used during that time along with how it started and ended.



Gadsby's Tavern

- Founded as a seaport in 1749, Alexandria has always greeted visitors from near and far. Taverns, like Gadsby's, provided travelers with much needed rest, food and drink, the latest news, a place to make business deals and to hold political discussions, and a variety of entertainment.



Mount Vernon

- Mount Vernon is George Washington's mansion.



George Washington's Tomb

Lincoln, Vietnam, and Korean Memorials



Fourth Day: Youth Day

The featured speakers during Youth Day provide insight to the important roles electric cooperatives play in their community.



Iwo Jima Memorial and the Capital



MLK, Jefferson, and WWII Memorials



Fifth Day: Congressional Insight

- Students gain a personal understanding of American history and their role as a citizen by meeting their Representative and Senators.



National Museum of American Indians

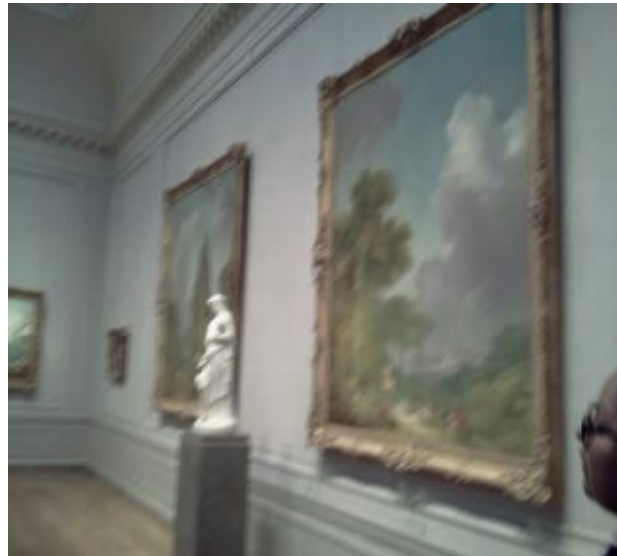


The National Museum of the American Indian is part of the Smithsonian Institution and is dedicated to the life, languages, literature, history, and arts of the Native Americans of the Western Hemisphere



National Art Gallery

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is a museum in Washington, D.C. which has one of the world's largest and most inclusive collections of art, from the colonial period to the present, made in the United States.



Sixth Day: Congressional Visits

- We got to meet with congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick to discuss current issues facing our communities as well as Arizona.
- She also told us how she became a congresswoman and where she was from along with other background information.



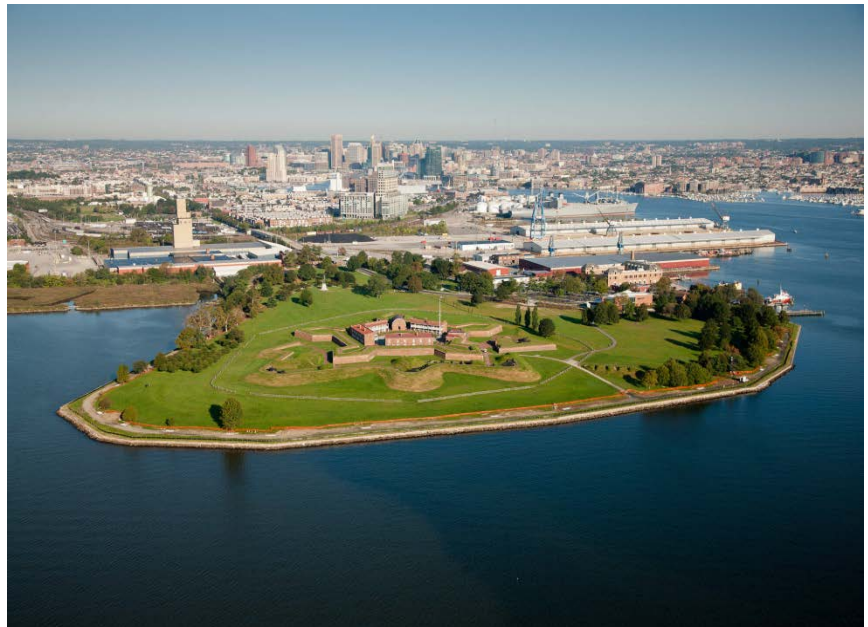
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Fort McHenry

- Fort McHenry, in Baltimore, Maryland, is a coastal star-shaped fort best known for its role in the War of 1812, when it successfully defended Baltimore Harbor from an attack by the British navy in Chesapeake Bay September 13–14, 1814.



Seventh Day: Trip Back Home

- The beginning of the trip I wasn't comfortable with the students or chaperones but as the days went on, I came to enjoy being around them because even though most of us have never met in our lives we seemed to come closer together as the week went on.
- It was a lot of fun bonding with them and just hanging out, including the chaperones.
- When it was time to come home I was sad to leave such an amazing place and to say goodbye to my new friends.
- I miss DC from time to time and my friends but I'm glad I got to experience the wonderful museums and monuments throughout DC and everything that it has to offer.

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