

# Want your teen out of the house this July? Northern has a **FREE** educational vacation

## Tired of hearing kids whine “There’s nothing to do” during the dog days of summer?

This year, send your high school-aged student out of state on a FREE educational vacation sponsored by your local, Touchstone Energy Cooperative, Northern Electric.

Every year, your electric co-op helps at least ten area kids take the drag out of the summer break with the Youth Excursion—a supervised three-day retreat for high school students.

All area freshmen, sophomores, and juniors whose parents or guardians are members of Northern Electric Cooperative can apply to win one of these fun-filled trips.

**Teens from all over South Dakota will join together this summer for the Youth Excursion to North Dakota in July.** The students ride in a deluxe bus, stay in a nice hotel, eat healthy meals, enjoy social activities and tour the huge power generation facilities that provide electricity to NEC members. Best of all, Northern Electric picks up the tab.

**All transportation, lodging and meal costs for selected area students are paid for by NEC** as part of our Touchstone Energy commitment to tomorrow’s cooperative leaders. Teens will see many of the same sights featured on the Basin VIP Tour that Northern offers every summer for our adult members.

Just like our adult participants, the students learn what’s behind the power switch—how coal mines provide the fuel,



how clean-burning, cooperatively-owned power plants use it to generate electricity and how that electricity finally reaches the homes and businesses of Northern Electric members.

The tour also includes a visit to the Great Plains Synfuels Plant, where coal is compressed into synthetic natural gas and other useful goods like chemicals and fertilizer.

But, this tour is geared for high school students. In addition to the educational aspects, plenty of time is scheduled for fun. Social activities include swimming at the hotel pool, shopping excursions to area stores and a teen dance where students meet and mingle with new friends—students from other South Dakota electric co-ops.

Students will leave for Bismarck, ND from Northern’s headquarters on a Tuesday and returns late in the day on a Thursday. Each participant will also receive a free T-shirt commemorating the fun event.

Participants of the Youth Excursion are also eligible to compete the following year for an all-expense paid Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

**Applying is the easiest part. Fill out the application on this page and return it to Northern Electric, PO Box 457, Bath, SD 57427. The deadline for entries is May 1.**

## Northern Electric Youth Excursion Application

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Year in School:** \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

**T-Shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

