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Firelands Electric Co-op selects 2026 Youth Tour delegate

Firelands Electric is pleased to announce that Bryce Hall will be representing the cooperative on the 2026 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

The son of Matthew and Misty Hall, Bryce is a junior at New London High School, where he is a current class officer and member of the student council. Bryce is also active in the school's chapters of FFA and Teen Leadership Corp, as well as a member of the yearbook staff. He hopes to study political science at The Ohio State University following graduation.

Bryce will join 45 other students from Ohio's rural electric cooperatives as they tour the sights in and around our nation's capital, such as the Gettysburg, the Smithsonian Institution, the Supreme Court building, U.S. Capitol, and many others.

Sponsored by Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Firelands Electric, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), Youth Tour is an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., which will take place June 14 to 20.

Every June, the Youth Tour program gives more than 1,800 children of cooperative members from across the country a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in an in-depth look at Washington, D.C. Through educational and sightseeing activities, students gain a personal understanding of American history, their role as citizens, and gain insight into the important part that electric cooperatives play in their local communities. Delegates will also meet and interact with some of their U.S. legislators during the trip.

Students participating in Youth Tour may also be chosen to serve as a representative on the NRECA Youth Leadership Council (YLC). One student from each state is selected for YLC and will return to Washington, D.C., in July for an additional leadership workshop that focuses on the electric cooperative industry.

Firelands' Youth Tour contest is offered to high school sophomores and juniors who reside in a home served by the cooperative. Candidates are evaluated on school and community activities, demonstrated leadership, and a letter of recommendation. To learn more about Firelands' youth programs, visit www.firelandsec.com/community.

Firelands Electric Cooperative, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility serving more than 9,300 homes and businesses in rural areas of Ashland, Huron, Lorain, and Richland counties.

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Bryce Hall, New London HS

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