

# Sun River Electric Cooperative



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# Ripples

**AUGUST 2023**

## Townhall meetings coming

**S**UN River Electric Cooperative (SREC) believes that the cornerstone to any good business is communication.

In 2022 we held townhall meetings at three different locations. We wanted to get some feedback on a capacitor program where SREC would install capacitors on irrigation pumps. We invited our irrigation members to those townhall meetings to visit about what we were trying to accomplish. Our goal was to improve the power factor on irrigation pumps. A better power factor would make for improved efficiency, less heat on motors and improved line capacity, just to name a few.

We found value in this program and will continue it in areas where we see the greatest need for improving power factor. It was good to have a townhall meeting where we could meet face to face with our members and have open

### TOWNHALL MEETINGS

#### Valier

Monday August 28  
6-8 p.m. at the Valier Civic Center  
514 Montana St.

#### Simms

Tuesday August 29  
6-8 p.m. at the Sun River Valley Lions Hall, N. Main St.

#### Highwood

Wednesday August 30  
6-8 p.m. at the Highwood Comm. Hall,  
152 Main St.

conversations.

This year we plan to meet again at three different locations. Some of the topics we would like to discuss are electric vehicles, right-of-way issues with grain bins and haystacks. Cyber-

security is also a topic we would like to address.

Our members will have the opportunity to ask questions that have been on their minds.

We will talk about what has been going right for Sun River Electric and what we need to be thinking about as we move into the future. Sun River Electric works hard to keep up with changes in technology and tries to be as forward-thinking as possible without jeopardizing what we do best: providing safe, reliable and affordable power to our members.

We would like to invite our members to join us at one of the meeting locations.

Food will be provided. We look forward to meeting with you, so please mark the dates on the calendar. 

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Give us a call if you are the lucky consumer.

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# YOUTH TOUR 2023

**T**HIS year 24 students from Montana electric cooperatives attended the National Rural Electric Cooperatives' Association Washington, D.C. Youth Tour.

In June of every year, electric cooperatives from across



the United States meet in our Nation's capital for one week of touring, meeting with legislators and learning about cooperatives.

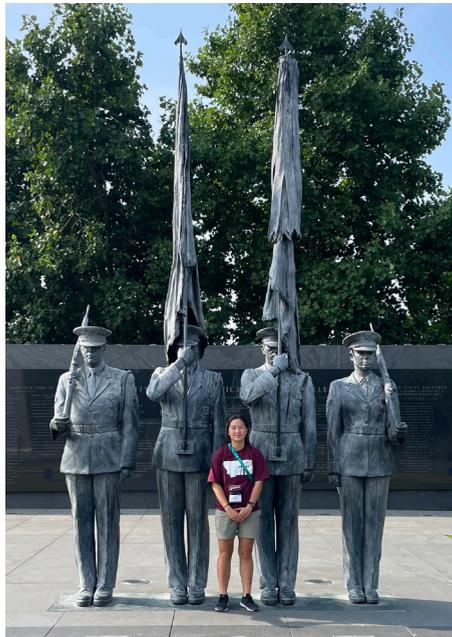
Gracie Hill from Augusta represented Sun River Electric. RM

## My experience with the Youth Tour

By **GRACIE HILL** | Youth Tour participant

**W**ITHIN a span of a week, I was able to experience and witness many breath-taking and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, which many people my age would never believe possible. I was able to witness and physically be in the presence of some of our country's famous landmarks and museums, which included the Holocaust Museum, Marine Corps Museum, the Naval Academy, the National Archives where I saw the Declaration of Independence, and we walked in the steps of former President George Washington at Mount Vernon, as well as touring the battlefields in Gettysburg. We were able to see every monument and visit Smithsonian museums.

In the middle of our trip in D.C., the Youth Tour group was given the opportunity to meet our state legislators: Matt Rosendale, Steve Daines and Jon Tester. Upon meeting our congressman and senators, we were allowed to ask any question our hearts desired with no shame or fear of others and their responses. They also made it



possible for us to have a tour of the US Capital.

We met co-op kids from other states, and most importantly learned about electric cooperatives.

Thank you, Sun River Electric Co-op, for the amazing opportunity to visit our country's capital! RM



### SIGN UP FOR FREE KIDS BOOKS

Preschool children, ages birth to 5, who live within the Sun River Electric Cooperative service territory, are eligible.

You can register online at <https://imaginationlibrary.com> or scan the QR code below.



### WE OFFER APPLIANCE REBATES

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