

# DISCOVERING SOUTH KENTUCKY

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## Supporting young leaders

*South Kentucky RECC sponsors students on Washington Youth Tour*

When you hear about South Kentucky RECC investing in the communities we serve, it's not just in electrical infrastructure, economic development or the local events we support. We also have a national reach, sponsoring local students each year on the Washington Youth Tour.

In June, five local rising seniors joined 54 other electric co-op students from across the commonwealth for a weeklong, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. The trip gives Kentucky's next generation of leaders the chance to meet with their senators and representatives and to participate in civic engagement activities with students from across the country. "I can't explain the impact South Kentucky RECC has made in my life. The opportunity given to high school students is unexplainable," says Allie Elise Baird from Pulaski County High School.

Students were joined in Washington, D.C., by more than 1,800 delegates representing electric co-ops from across the country. Marking its 58th year, the Washington Youth Tour educates students about the issues facing co-ops, encouraging them to come home to Kentucky and help lead the co-ops in the future. "The Washington Youth

Tour is an amazing learning experience that gives Kentucky youth an opportunity to see our nation's capital and meet new people from not only Kentucky, but other states throughout our nation," says Amelia Ramsey, a student at Wayne County High School.

The busy itinerary included stops at national memorials, Smithsonian museums, the Holocaust Museum and International Spy Museum, Arlington National Cemetery and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. At the U.S. Capitol, South Kentucky RECC students interacted with Kentucky's congressional delegation, including Sen. Rand Paul and representatives Brett Guthrie, Thomas Massie, James Comer, Andy Barr and Morgan McGarvey. Students also heard from staff members representing Sen. Mitch McConnell and Rep. Hal Rogers.

"I was able to see and experience many amazing things on the Washington Youth Tour," says Aubree Kennett from Wayne County High School. "I am so grateful that I got this amazing opportunity."

Coordinated by Kentucky Electric Cooperatives, the Washington Youth Tour trip gives students a personal understanding of American history and their role as citizens.



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"It has been the experience of a lifetime," says Jacob Anderson from Somerset Christian School. "I was blessed to have the honor of participating in a wreath laying at Arlington."

Madelynn Frogge from Wayne County High School says she enjoyed meeting new friends and experiencing great opportunities.

"I encourage those younger than me to apply for the Washington Youth Tour," Frogge says.

Kentucky's co-ops have sent rising high school seniors on the Washington Youth Tour since 1972. "We are investing in our local students because we believe it is important for young leaders to see our nation's capital and gain a better understanding of what it means to be a citizen," says Ken Simmons, CEO of South Kentucky RECC.



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Let's give a hero's welcome to the veterans of our co-op sponsored Honor Flight.

Join others at Blue Grass Airport in Lexington on Sept. 16 by 8:15 p.m. to show your support of veterans as they return from Washington D.C.



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# Caulk talk

## How to get a smooth seal over gaps and cracks

**M**aking a fall maintenance to-do list? Don't forget the caulk.

Filling gaps and cracks around windows and doors is an easy way to prevent air leaks that can rob your home of heat and push up your wintertime electric bills.

"Thoroughly sealing the thermal envelope of your home can cut 10% from your energy bill," advises Alan Coffey, energy services/member engagement manager for South Kentucky RECC. He recommends these techniques to get a smooth, mess-free seal.

1. Get a good gun. The higher the gun's thrust ratio (such as 10:1), the less pressure you need to get caulk out of the tube.
2. Tape it. Attach strips of painter's tape about 1/8 inch away from both sides of the seam to mask off areas where caulk should not be applied. Remove the tape before the sealant sets.
3. Use both hands. Use your dominant

hand to hold the gun and pull the trigger, and support the barrel of the gun near the tip with your other hand. Keep your wrists straight, moving your elbows and body when running a bead of caulk.

4. Push, don't pull. Push caulk into the gap rather than dragging it over the gap.
5. Meet in the middle. When you have a long bead to run, caulk from one end to the middle of the seam and stop. Then, start at the other end and caulk to meet the first bead.
6. Finish with your finger. Moisten your fingertip in warm, soapy water and drag it with light pressure to smooth



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caulk bead. Start about 6 inches from the bottom and smooth that small section first. Then, move up another 6 inches and smooth that section next, pulling downward toward the section you just smoothed.



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# ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

## CAN EXIST IN THE OFFICE, TOO

**Working in an office doesn't mean you won't be exposed to electrical hazards.**

**WATCH FOR:**

- Electrical cables that are frayed, loose or have exposed wires.
- Outlets that are worn and won't hold plugs snugly.
- Electrical equipment that gives off a strange odor.
- Overheating equipment. Beware of discolored plastic casings on the equipment or discolored outlet covers.
- Overloaded outlets or extension cords.
- Equipment that is not working properly.

**TO MINIMIZE HAZARDS:**

- Switch off and unplug appliances when they are not in use and before cleaning.
- Turn off all appliances at the end of the day.
- Do not force a plug into an outlet if it does not fit.
- Do not run electrical cords through high-traffic areas, under carpets or across doorways.
- Make sure the electrical load is not too much for any circuit, even when using a surge protector.



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