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## Three Local Students Attend the 2019 NC Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

North Carolina's electric cooperatives recently sent a group of delegates to represent the electric co-op community during a weeklong trip to Washington, D.C. The 2019 NC Youth Tour included 45 very ambitious and highly motivated high school students from all across North Carolina. In Washington, D.C., these delegates joined more than 1,800 other students from across the country to embark upon a week they will never forget!

Rutherford EMC chose three local delegates to attend the 2019 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour from June 15-21. In order to be selected these students had to be rising high school seniors, complete an application process, perform an energy audit of their home and participate in a personal interview. Macy McDaniel, a student of R-S Central High School; Allison Roper, a student at Burke Middle College High School; and William D'Amore, a student at Gaston Day School, were awarded this amazing opportunity. This extremely talented group of students did a wonderful job representing Rutherford EMC in Washington, D.C., and built lasting connections with hundreds of other future leaders from across the country.

While on the Youth Tour these delegates learned the electric cooperatives' role in the national economy and strengthened their understanding of the democratic form of the U.S. government. They experienced, up close and personal, the sights and sounds of our nation's heritage. The students met many federally elected officials, participated in networking events, learned about our nation's history and the importance of civic engagement.

This year the NC Youth Tour group visited a vast number of memorials and monuments that told the story of our nation's history. They visited several of the Smithsonian Museums including the American History Museum, Holocaust Museum, Air and Space Museum as well as the Udvar-Hazy Space Center. The group also enjoyed a dinner cruise on the Potomac River, paid their respects at Arlington National Cemetery, toured the National Cathedral, and spent an entire day on Capitol Hill!

At Capitol Hill, the delegates experienced a guided tour of The Capitol where they learned lots of historical facts about the building itself as well as its various contents. They engaged in discussions with several N.C. Legislators and their staff in a personal setting and were honored to sit in during



a session of the U.S. House of Representatives. This year's delegates took advantage of everything the Youth Tour had to offer!

To date, more than 55,000 students from small towns in 44 states have participated in this program and walked away with a greater understanding of their role as a citizen. North Carolina has sent nearly 1,900 students on the Youth Tour since 1967. Past participants of the Youth Tour have gone on to design airplanes, work as congressional aides on Capitol Hill and serve in some of the highest ranks of our government, including the U.S. Senate. "We are so proud of the students who participate in the Youth Tour. They are all young leaders in our community, and in the state. It's easy to see why the NC Youth Tour has been going strong for more than 50 years," said Dirk Bursleson, vice president of member and corporate services at Rutherford EMC. "This experience cultivates awareness of our cooperative's mission and helps build leadership skills and an understanding that every person can make a difference."

If you will be a high school junior this year, or know one, we encourage you to apply for the 2020 Youth Tour! Keep an eye out for a flier in your monthly statement or check our website at [www.remc.com](http://www.remc.com) to find out when the next application process begins. For more information about the Youth Tour, contact India Francis or Chad Bailey at Rutherford EMC.





## SWAP SHOP

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No phone calls, please.

## FOR SALE

**Martin** D28 acoustic guitar with hard shell case, good cond., \$1,800. 704-276-6595 or 704-884-6037.

**Laying** Rocks - some are very big. 828-625-2780.

**Solid** wood table w/drop leaf, measures 36" tall x 38" diameter, maple finish, \$40. 704-435-2161.

**Wood** burning insert, \$200; Honda tiller, Model #501, \$225; Troybilt tiller, \$225; Homelite grass trimmer, \$55; Homelite gas powered hedge trimmer, \$40; Weedeater grass trimmer, \$40; Weedeater hand held leaf blower, \$40; 75 gallon aquarium, complete set up w/cabinet, \$275. 704-922-6793.

**Solid** oak table w/double drop leaves & 6 chairs, \$175; china cabinet to match table set, \$100 - both for \$250, great condition w/no scratches; floral print plush sofa in very good condition - pattern is pale grey background w/green leaves & burgundy flowers, \$150. 704-564-8053.

**1988** Ford Ranger truck - new tires, runs but needs work, drivable as is & will pass inspection, \$500. 704-418-2675.

**Three** cemetery lots in Evergreen - A Quiet Place, in Belmont, N.C., includes opening & closing of graves plus poly vaults, \$9,763.10; also three cemetery lots only, \$2,565.75, all six lots are located together. 704-861-1940 or 704-860-3015.

**Mini** Dozer - 18 1/2 HP Honda gas engine, dozer blade, front loader bucket, rear ripper blade, rubber tracks, electric start, complete hydraulics, only 5 hours of run time, purchased in December of 2018,

\$10,000. 828-334-4387.

**Water** totes - 275 gal., \$75 ea.; 15 gal. barrels - \$10 ea.; barrels w/lids & rings, \$15 ea.; burning barrels & plastic barrels w/solid or open tops, \$10 ea. 828-327-4782.

**Holmes** factory 17 ft. steel roll back mounted on 1979 Ford F350 long wheel base chassis, complete set up, truck needs work, do have title, \$2,200. 828-429-2460.

**2017** Freedom Express 25 ft. travel trailer, 5 year warranty, 2 slide outs, 2 AC units, LED awning lights, center island, satellite, camera, sway bar, more options plus equipment, \$20,000. 828-288-7257.

**2015** Pro 160 Basstracker boat, motor & trailer - 40 HP Mercury 4 stroke motor w/tilt & trim, trolling motor, fish finder & other accessories, very good cond. 828-460-4603.

**Men's** sport coats in size 46-48, \$25 ea.; Men's dress pants in size 40-42, \$10 ea.; steamer antique trunk, \$25; GE 18 1/2 cubic ft. refrigerator, excellent freeze, needs cosmetic outside work, \$50; Sam's Estate brand chest freezer, 46" x 27", excellent cond., \$75; pressure cookers for canning, \$40 ea. 828-625-2575.

**2007** Sea Doo jet ski w/supercharger, black & yellow, only used 125 hrs., garaged 10 mths. of the year, currently on a double trailer, will sell for \$5,000 with trailer or \$4,000 without. 704-735-6792.

**Kerosene** - approximately 205 gallons of K1 kerosene in a 280 gallon tank, \$300 for oil, tank & stand, you move. 704-678-5256.

**Registered** miniature Sheltie pups & Miniature Pinscher pups. 828-334-4257.

**Guineas** - Pearl, taking orders for the 2019 hatch, \$5 ea. & up. 828-738-8533.

**Stihl** MM 55 tiller, used very little, \$125. 704-228-4676.

**108** Old Castle bricks in tan/beige color & 84 red engineering bricks, good cond., \$.25 cents ea. 828-455-3541.

**Rusty** Wallace #2 collectables, original pictures in the following quantity & size: (5) 8x10's, (4) 4x6's, (1) 28x18, (1) 2x9, all framed; Dale Earnhardt Sr. #3, 1:43 scale die cast car, wine glass & playing cards; Dale Jarrett #88 assorted collectables all in good

cond., \$75. 980-429-5319.

**5** gallon water cooler, love seat & brown roll-top desk, all in good cond., \$150 for all. 704-231-2334.

**DR** Field & Brush walk-behind mower, 24" cut, 8 HP Briggs & Stratton Industrial/Commercial engine, new belts, extra blades, cuts tall weeds & saplings up to 1 1/2" inches thick, freshly painted, starts easy, \$525, pictures upon request. 828-894-2562.

**Load** bar for transfer truck, \$25; Craftsman 7 HP 18" cutting deck mower & Craftsman 2 cycle weed eater, both need work, \$20 for both; handmade rustic wooden flag 35" x 19 1/2", \$115; Pilates Reformer machine w/exercises, \$100; set of fender mount transfer truck mirrors, \$75. 704-487-6705.

**Bounty** Hunter metal detector, new cond., \$100; Miller Thunderbolt AC welder, 225 amp, high & low range, only been used for residential purposes, \$200; new auto-darkening welding helmet, \$40; 3 Rain-Away arches for Sunsetter 10 ft. retractable awning, \$50; 4 ft. expanded metal extension from a 2006 Nissan Titan King Cab with factory installed Reese hitch, combined w/tailgate it adds 6 feet of cargo space for total of 12 1/2 ft., \$125. 828-894-2562.

**2002** Winnebago Adventurer, 31 ft., 2 slide-outs, 71,126 miles, Ford V-10 engine, new microwave, recliner, sleeper sofa, queen bed, 2 TV's w/DVD players, central heat & air, 10 gallon water heater, Onan 5,500 generator, hydraulic leveling, back-up camera, \$25,000. 561-301-4282.

**2** antique armoires, queen bedroom set, antique dresser, leather sofa & chair w/ottoman, antique tool chest, ex. cond. 864-404-5604.

**2005** Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Classic, \$7,500; 2006 Harley Davidson FLH Electraglide, \$9,000; Big Red 1500 lb. motorcycle jack, used once, \$50; Greenlee 2448 Gangbox w/wheels, \$225; Rigid 65-R 1"-2" threader, \$250; Rigid 450 chain tripod vise, \$150; Toledo "00" 1/8"-3/4" ratchet stock, \$50; 12 gage extension cords, \$5-\$10-\$15; 4-way lug wrench, \$5; lead runners & lead tools - make offer. 828-334-1585.

**1995** Ford F-250 w/7.3 Power Stroke, AT, 4x4, has utility bed, \$7,000 OBO or trade for roll-back with wheel lift. 828-430-3391.

## Join Rutherford EMC in Recognizing 8/11 as a Reminder to Call 811 Before You Dig

On Aug. 11 (8/11), Rutherford EMC is reminding members to dial 8-1-1 at least three working days before beginning a digging project. This free and simple step can save lives and reduce risk of injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages.

"Every time you break ground, even for something simple like planting a shrub or installing a mailbox, you should call 811 first," said Colon Saunders, vice president of operations at Rutherford EMC. "No matter your level of expertise, it's important to know what's below the ground to prevent the potentially serious consequences of hitting a utility line."

The national 811 "Call Before You Dig" phone number links residents to a local call center, which then dispatches local utility companies to mark line locations with paint or flags. These marked lines show you where it is - and isn't - safe to break ground. Once your lines have been marked, make sure to dig carefully around the marks, not on top of them. Because utility line locations can shift, it's important to call each time you are planning to dig.

For more information about safe digging and the "Call Before You Dig" process, visit [nc811.org](http://nc811.org).



## Touchstone Energy Scholarship Winners Attend Basketball Camp

Three local middle-school students attended basketball camp on college campuses this summer, thanks to a Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship from Rutherford EMC.

Dymon Loftis of Marion expanded her knowledge of basketball and fine-tuned her skills on the court at the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp under the direction of Coach Wes Moore. The camp took place June 9-12 at NC State University in Raleigh. Dymon says that basketball has taught her if you really want to be good at something, hard work is the only way. She said, "we can dream big, but if we don't work hard those dreams will not come true." The game of basketball has given her confidence in her abilities to not only be a good ball player, but to achieve her goals in life.

Banks Barber and Avrey Hensley, both of Mill Spring, worked on leadership and teamwork skills at the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp under the direction of Coach Roy Williams. The camp took place June 22-26 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Banks says that basketball has taught him to be a good sport, to work hard and to push himself, whether it's on the court or in school. He believes that hard work and a positive attitude are great ways to gain respect from others. Banks said, "basketball has helped me to become a better student, classmate and teammate, but most of all, a hard worker."

Avrey says he believes you can be anything you set your mind to and his dream is to become a college basketball player for Carolina. He works hard and studies to keep his grades up and is constantly practicing his ball skills. He was very excited to attend the Roy Williams basketball camp and certainly feels like this experience gave him an opportunity to better himself as an all-around athlete.

Campers stayed in dorms and experienced life as a college student, and also developed fundamental skills that will help them excel on and off the court. At both camps, coaches and student-athletes worked directly with campers to improve their basketball skills and practice working as a team.

"Dymon, Banks and Avrey are all outstanding students, athletes and community members," said Dirk Bureson, vice president of member and corporate services at Rutherford EMC. "We are proud to partner with two prestigious North Carolina universities to help provide such a unique leadership and learning experience for our students."

Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships are awarded to more than 50 rising sixth, seventh and eighth graders across North Carolina each year. The scholarships cover all expenses at the overnight camps, and winners are selected based on an application that includes academics, extracurricular activities and an essay. Visit our website at [www.remc.com](http://www.remc.com) to find out more.



*Dymon Loftis with NC State Wolfpack women's coach Wes Moore.*



*Banks Barber with coach Roy Williams of the UNC Tar Heels.*



*Avrey Hensley with coach Roy Williams of the UNC Tar Heels.*



*Girls Camp Group*



*Avery & Banks settle into their dorm.*





# Statewide Pole Top Rescue Competition Tests Lifesaving Skills

First Class Lineman-ELC Kyle Daves joined 22 other electric cooperative line workers from across the state on Thursday, May 30, at the 2019 Pole Top Rescue competition in Raleigh. The competition was originally scheduled to be held in September 2018, but was postponed due to Hurricane Florence recovery efforts.

This biennial event puts line workers against the clock and each other as they demonstrate essential lifesaving skills and the job knowledge required to maintain the lines that power the lives of electric cooperative members. To advance to this state championship competition, each competitor had to win a similar event at their local cooperative.

During the competition, each line worker must execute a scenario that finds a fellow worker unconscious atop a utility pole. The competitor, must radio for help, dress in full climbing gear, scale 20 feet up the utility pole, lower a 105-pound mannequin and begin lifesaving procedures. All North

Carolina electric cooperative line workers must complete this same scenario in less than five minutes to maintain their certification to work on co-op lines. Kyle completed the scenario with a time of 1 minute 48.37 seconds, placing him 4th in the competition with a mere 2.47 seconds separating him and the third place winner. He was a returning contender to the statewide event and has represented Rutherford for multiple years now.

Kyle works daily on the energized line crew constructing and maintaining the co-ops transmission and distribution line systems and equipment. He is well known among his co-op peers as a hard-worker with a drive to get things done. He resides in Ellenboro and enjoys spending his free time in the outdoors.

***Rutherford EMC congratulates  
Kyle on a job well done!***



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**August 15**

Apply early for a chance to win one of five \$100 Visa gift cards.

