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Local Youth Wins Trip of a Lifetime!

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Martinsville- Kevin Sump, President and CEO of South Central Indiana REMC recently met with and congratulated Lauren Michelle Busch who won the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. as the Youth Tour representative for South Central Indiana REMC. Student's left Thursday, June 12th for the nation's capital.

Lauren was presented with a gift bag containing two disposable cameras, a travel journal, snacks & candy, and an SCI mug for her trip.

Laura's essay "The Power of an Electric Cooperative" won an all expense paid trip to the nation's capital. Students on the tour learn about electric cooperatives, American history and U.S. government. They participate in National Youth Day, visit with their representatives in the House and the Senate, and explore the sights around Washington, D.C.

The Rural Electric Youth Tour is a joint effort of local electric co-ops, such as South Central Indiana REMC, their statewide co-op associations, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Arlington, Va. South Central Indiana REMC will cover all travel expenses from Indianapolis, meals, lodging and scheduled event fees.

"One of the primary reasons of students going to Washington is the opportunity to meet with their Congressmen and Senators," stated Kevin Sump. "It's a great chance to meet with other high school students from around the country and see how they can make a difference in their own communities. It's a week they'll never forget."

Lauren is the daughter of John and Lois Busch of Martinsville. She is a home schooled student with a 3.66 grade point average. She is an active member of the Martinsville Baptist Tabernacle and participates in music ministry, cantatas and special services. She has participated in the Academy of Arts drama camp, enjoys Fencing and attend the Teen Pact Civics and Leadership program.

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Following is the essay that won Lauren the opportunity of a lifetime:

How my cooperative improves the quality of life in my community

By the 1930's, cities all across America were experiencing the conveniences of electricity. However, rural areas not service by the city utilities remained "in the dare." With entrepreneurial spirit, rural communities banded together to create their own electric cooperatives. While electricity is now a fundamental component of the American lifestyle, my power cooperative, South Central Indiana REMC, is improving the quality of life in my community today.

Providing outstanding service at minimal cost is a fundamental way SCI REMC improves our quality of life. Efficient service utilizing innovative technology, such as automated meter reading, benefits members. From the Key Accounts program to online bill pay, they make it easy for customers to manage their energy needs. Helping consumers find ways to cut energy spending and offering a helpful budget billing option is a sampling of what they do to assist with the financial side of energy consumption.

SCI REMC continuously gives back to the community, through the Round Up program and the J.D. Rudd Memorial Scholarship. Support of health and the environment are evidenced by their sponsorship of the ACS Relay for Life and the EnviorWatts program. Through their website, newsletter, business meetings, and youth camps, they educate citizens on energy usage and conservation.

I have tried to imagine life without my power cooperative. What would be different if I was served by a colossal city utility? As I ponder, I am thankful for SCI REMC and the numerous ways they enhance the quality of life in my community.

South Central Indiana REMC is the largest distribution cooperative in the state of Indiana serving more than 33,000 members in Morgan, Monroe, Brown, Owen, and parts of Putnam, Clay and Johnson Counties.