



# TIPS From T.I.P.

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## Accepting Applications for High School Youth Tour Trip to D.C. T.I.P. REC sending one student on an all-expenses Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. in June



At T.I.P. REC, one way we invest in the next generation of rural Iowa leaders is by participating in the national Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program. We're looking for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors (whose parents or guardians are members of T.I.P. REC) with a passion for government and public service to apply for a once-in-a-lifetime trip to our nation's capital in June.

One student will be selected from eligible candidates to attend the 2023 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., from June 18-23 (students meet in Des Moines on June 17) along with 40 other student leaders from Iowa. The Iowa Youth Tour group will join with hundreds of students from across the country as they learn more about electric cooperatives and American history and come home with a greater understanding of their role as an American citizen. Students will also learn about U.S. government and meet with their members of Congress. On the trip, students take in the sights of D.C. as they visit monuments, museums and historical landmarks. Students who go on Youth Tour often call it the trip of a lifetime!

We are now accepting Youth Tour applications and the **deadline to apply is March 18, 2023**. As stated above, the student must be a current sophomore, junior or senior whose parents/guardians are members of T.I.P. REC to be eligible for the trip. The application process consists of completing an application and answering a questionnaire. For more details and to apply go to [tiprec.com/youth-tour](http://tiprec.com/youth-tour). If you have any questions, please call our office at 800-934-7976.

For more than 60 years, Iowa's locally owned electric cooperatives have been sending deserving students to D.C. This program is a great resume builder

for student leaders and a wonderful opportunity to kickstart one's passion for government affairs or advocacy. Make sure to apply for Youth Tour 2023 today!

## Attention Seniors - Scholarships Available

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative takes pride in helping develop leaders in the communities we serve so we are offering a scholarship program to recognize academic and community achievements made by young adults. These scholarships are considered an investment in the economic future of rural areas.

This year T.I.P. REC is offering three scholarship opportunities:

- One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to each school district in our service territory. These scholarship applicants must be graduating seniors whose parents/guardians are members of T.I.P. REC. Applicants must plan to enroll in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school.
- One \$1,000 will be awarded to a graduating senior that is planning to enroll in an accredited Lineworker Program. The applicants parents/guardians do not have to be a member of T.I.P. REC but the applicant must attend a high school within our service territory.
- In addition to the above scholarships, a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to any T.I.P. REC intern who is planning to enroll in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school or accredited Lineworker Program.

All applicants must fill out a scholarship application and complete the scholarship submittal requirements listed on the application.

- Scholarships will be distributed to the student payable to the college they are attending and to the student.
- If you have any questions, give us a call at 800-934-7976.
- **The application deadline is April 14, 2023**, and the scholarships will be awarded in **May**.

You can find more information and the applications at [tiprec.com/scholarship-opportunities](http://tiprec.com/scholarship-opportunities) or contact your High School guidance counselor.

## State Law Requires Notification of Alternate Energy Production



In 2012, the Iowa Legislature approved a bill that requires notification to electric utilities prior to installing an alternate energy generator. The notification requirement applies to any type of electric generating technology including:

- solar
- wind turbine
- waste management
- resource recovery
- refuse-derived fuel
- agricultural crops and residue

Under this legislation, the owner of an alternate energy production facility must provide **written** notification to their electric utility at least 30 days before construction or installation of the generator.

If you are considering installing an alternate energy system - please contact T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative at 800-934-7976. Let us provide information and assistance **BEFORE** making the decision to purchase any type of alternate energy system that requires interconnection with the electric grid.

## Shane Morse Receives 25 Year Service Award



Pictured above from left to right: Shane Morse, Journeyman Lineman on our Sigourney crew, and Dean Huls, General Manager.

Shane received his certificate for 25 years of service from General Manager, Dean Huls in December.

Thanks Shane for all your hard work and dedication to the cooperative!

## Thank You BGM Elementary Carolers!



Although Christmas has come and gone, we would like to thank the BGM Elementary carolers for coming to our office and spreading some Christmas cheer in December.

Each year the employees look forward to listening to the carolers and appreciate them taking the time to stop by our office. Thanks again!

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OVERLOAD  
OUTLETS**

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costly damage, or worse.

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## Beat the Peak

If you look around your home, you likely have more devices and equipment that require electricity than ever before. Our connected lives are increasingly dependent on more electricity to function. At the same time, as demand for electricity rises, T.I.P. REC must deliver an uninterrupted 24/7 power supply - regardless of market conditions or other circumstances.

As you would expect based on your family's habits, electricity use fluctuates throughout the day based on consumer demand. Your cooperative must be able to provide enough electricity to meet the energy needs of all member-owners during times of highest energy use or "peak hours." These peak times are typically in the morning as people start their day and in the evening as people return to their homes.

What you may not know is that electric utilities including T.I.P. REC typically pay more for electricity during those morning and evening "energy rush hours." In addition, the demand for electricity is even higher when it's especially cold outside, when heating systems must run longer to warm homes.

If the "peak times" concept is a bit puzzling, here's an easy way to think about it, and it's similar to a major concert. We know costs go up when there is strong demand for tickets (or electricity), and both are subject to the basic economic laws of supply and demand. When a lot of people want the same thing,

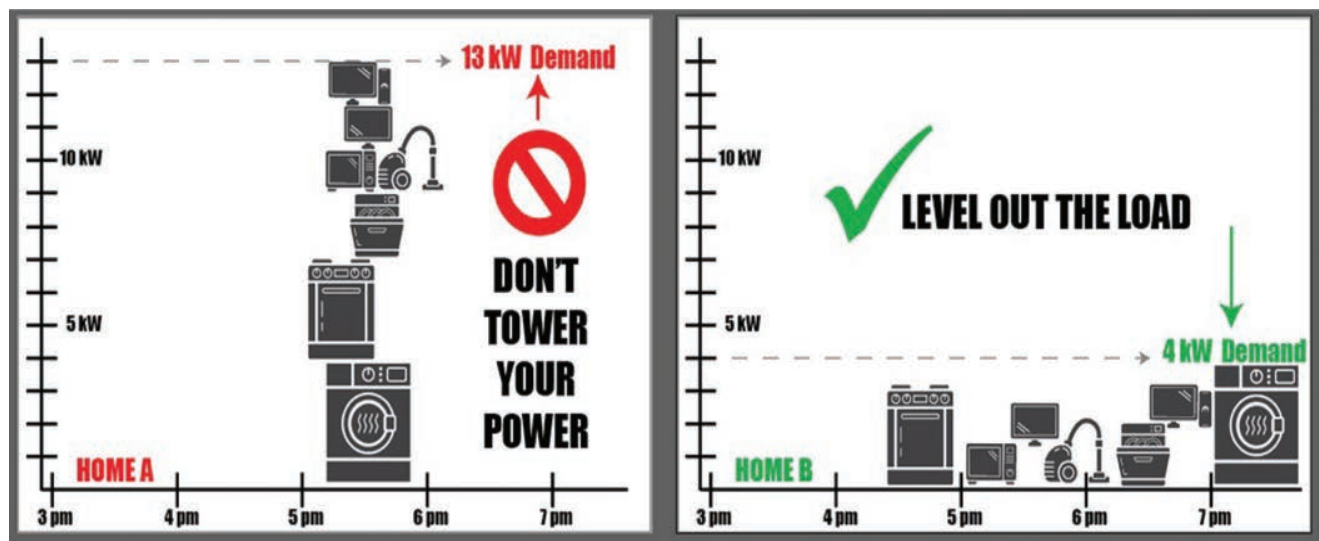
it's more expensive. When they don't, it's cheaper - like a bargain matinee or an "early bird" special at a restaurant.

During peak periods when the cost to produce and purchase power is higher, we encourage you to take simple steps to save energy, such as turning your thermostat down a few degrees, turning of unnecessary lights and waiting to use large appliances during off-peak times.

You can also save energy by plugging electronics and equipment such as computers, printers and TVs into a power strip, then turn it off at the switch during peak hours. If you have a programmable thermostat, adjust the settings to sync up with off-peak periods. When we all work together to reduce energy use during periods of high electricity demand, we can relieve pressure on the grid and save a little money along the way.

Another benefit of this time-of-use approach to electricity use allows greater control over your bill. Reducing the peak impacts the power-supply cost to every co-op member. This is particularly noticeable as energy costs have risen across the U.S. Collectively, everyone conserving energy and making small changes can truly make a difference.

Remember, taking simple steps to save energy throughout the day and shifting energy intensive chores to off-peak hours is a smart choice for you *and* your community.



The energy consumption in kilowatt-hours (kWh) in each of these graphics is the same. However, the scenario where the appliances are used simultaneously creates a much higher demand. If the co-op charged \$1/kW for demand, Home A (left) would be charged \$13.00, and Home B would only be charged \$4.00.



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- Fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
- Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)



Please mark your calendar to attend T.I.P. REC's 1st Annual Member Appreciation meal on Thursday, April 6, 2023, from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm. The meal will be served at the Keokuk County Expo in Sigourney, Iowa, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. More details to follow!

**NOTICE:** The Brooklyn office will be closed on Wednesday, February 15 from 7:00 am till Noon for an all-employee meeting.

## Surveying

T.I.P. REC crews will be surveying our lines and equipment this month on our Belle Plaine, Koszta, Madison, Lancaster, Parnell and What Cheer Substation areas. Thanks for your cooperation .

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Do you have a home office? Set equipment like printers and scanners to automatically switch to sleep or energy-saver mode when not in use.

In addition to saving energy, the equipment will stay cooler, which will help extend its life.

Another way to save in the home office is to use energy efficient lamps for task lighting. Small lamps use less energy than whole-room lighting.

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