

## Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Contest Topics

### CONTEST TOPIC IDEAS

What is the greatest energy issue facing your generation, and how can youths be a part of the solution?

The Environmental Protection Agency is using the Clean Air Act to regulate greenhouse gases. Is this the best method, and do you agree with this action?

Describe how legislation is changing the way energy is produced and regulated.

Explain or illustrate how the generating plant, the transmission lines and the distribution lines deliver power to your house.

If you were the secretary of energy for the U.S. Department of Energy, what national energy challenges would you identify, and how would you propose to solve them?

How could energy legislation affect electric cooperatives?

Imagine and describe the next 75 years of electric cooperatives.

What role should government play in the regulation of the energy industry?

What does “smart grid technology” mean for the future of electricity?

What will be the effects of climate-change legislation?

How will we meet the energy needs of the future?

What does “cooperative excellence” look like in an era of deregulation?

Energy conservation: What can one person do?

If you had the opportunity to change one thing about your school or community, what would it be and why?

Describe a service project that would benefit your community.

If you were to start a cooperative, what kind would it be and what would it offer?

If you could talk to the president, what would you ask?

Tell the history of electric cooperatives.

What are the differences between an electric cooperative and investor-owned utility?

What is the most pressing issue in the electric industry today?

What would life be like without electricity?

What does being “green” mean?

What are the three most important things your co-op does for the community? What else should co-ops do to improve the quality of lives of their members?

Should electric linemen be considered first responders? Why or why not?

Are electric cars the vehicle of the future? If so why or why not?