

ROCK ENERGY NEWS

FOR ROCK ENERGY COOPERATIVE MEMBERS

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WANTED! STUDENTS INTERESTED IN COOPERATIVES REWARD: TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.



This isn't an ordinary WANTED! poster where the subject has done something wrong. No, this is just the opposite.

Rock Energy Cooperative is looking for young leaders like those shown above to apply for the 2018 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Their reward, if chosen, is a weeklong trip to the nation's capital.

Representing the co-op on the 2017 trip were Ian Isely of South Beloit and Brett Jones of Roscoe.

Rock Energy will sponsor two current high school juniors on the June 8-15 trip to Washington.

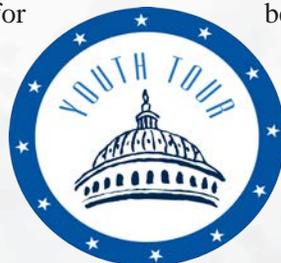
They will join about 1,600 students from co-ops across the nation as they meet with congressional representa-

tives, tour historic sites, and learn about the cooperative business model.

Applicants must be children of Rock Energy members and reside in the co-op's service territory.

The all-expense-paid trip includes transportation, lodging, meals, and admission fees to all events. Round-trip travel is by motor coach from Springfield, Ill. Travel to Springfield is not included.

Students can apply online by visiting www.rock.coop. Just go to the Community & Youth tab and click on Youth Tour. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 28. If you have any questions, contact Barbara Uebelacker at 866-752-4550 or barbu@rock.coop.



Use SmartHub to Get End-of-Year Reports

It's the start of a new year and time to begin gathering your financial documents in preparation for tax time.

Did you know that a record of your energy use is available with a few computer clicks?

Many members want end-of-year reports on the amount they paid for utilities. Instead of the time-consuming process of calling the office to request the information and waiting for employees to compile the data and mail it, you can access your account online and get what you need.

SmartHub is Rock Energy Cooperative's online account management system that allows members to view their statement, pay their bill, compare usage, and see their billing history.

If you aren't familiar with SmartHub, here's how to get started:

- Go to www.rock.coop. Select "New

User?" in the SmartHub login area at the top of the page. Enter your account number, account holder's last name, and email address.

- Click the "Submit" button, and the registration screen will expand.

- Enter the required security information and click "Submit."

- A registration complete alert will appear, and SmartHub will send a temporary password to the email address you entered.

- Check your email to get your temporary password, click "Login," and enter your email address and temporary password. You then will be prompted to create a new password.

The best part is that SmartHub features are available for members to use free of charge. If you need assistance getting started, just call our office at 866-752-4550 during regular business hours.

Payment Date	Amount
11/14/2017	\$121.62
10/13/2017	\$152.07
09/25/2017	\$151.05
08/16/2017	\$193.62
07/21/2017	\$165.95
06/14/2017	\$127.86
05/10/2017	\$85.85
04/12/2017	\$108.99
03/17/2017	\$116.53
02/27/2017	\$137.37
01/17/2017	\$132.51

You can access your payment history with SmartHub. Log onto your account, then click "View Billing History" on the left side of the page, and select "Payment History."

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



According to the Consumer Electronics Association, the average household owns 24 consumer electronics products, which are responsible for 12 percent of household electricity use. ENERGY STAR-certified audio/video equipment is up to 50 percent more efficient than conventional models.

Source: EnergyStar.gov



**82nd Annual Meeting
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Eclipse Center, Beloit**

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10 Quick Tips to Avoid High Winter Bills

Looking to lower your bills this winter? Use the 10 tips below to conserve energy.

- Seal air leaks and insulate well to prevent heat from escaping and cold air from entering your home.
- Reduce waste heat by installing a programmable thermostat.
- Turn off lights when not in use.
- Lower your water heater temperature. The Dept. of Energy recommends using the warm setting (120 degrees) during fall and winter months.
- Unplug electronics like kitchen appliances and TVs when you're away.
- Open blinds and curtains during the day to allow sunlight in to warm your home.
- Close blinds and curtains at night to keep cold, drafty air out.
- Use power strips for multiple appliances, and turn off the main switch when you're away from home.
- Wash clothes in cold water, and use cold-water detergent whenever possible.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, which use at least 75 percent less energy.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

