
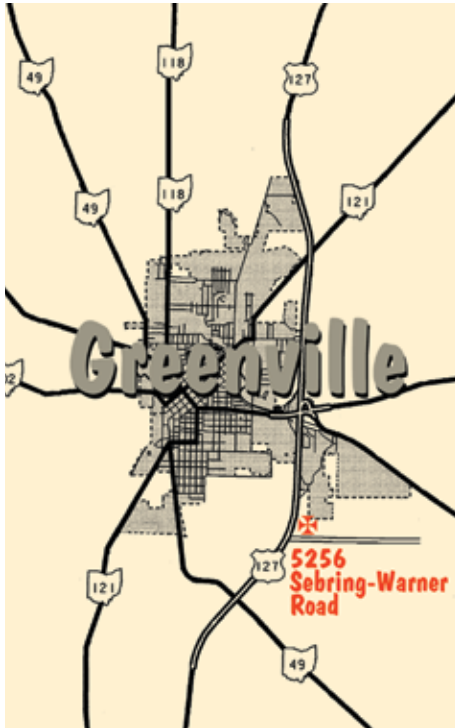


Darke Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Mark your calendar

Annual Meeting **2017**

**Darke Rural Electric Cooperative's
Annual Meeting will be held**

Thursday, March 16, 2017

TIME: Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Meeting 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION

Lighthouse Christian Center
5256 Sebring-Warner Rd E
Greenville, Ohio
(see map at left)

Election of Trustees in Districts 4 and 7
Business meeting
Entertainment
Attendance and door prizes

You won't want to miss this Annual Meeting!

Watch for more details in the February issue of
Country Living magazine.

TRUSTEES

Jack L. Kitchel President
Keith Daugherty Vice President
Michelle Marker Secy.-Treas.
Tod Carroll Trustee
Dan Gehret Trustee
Neal Siefring Trustee
Matt Webster Trustee
Ted Holsapple Gen. Manager

Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed Saturdays

Failure to receive your electric bill in no way relieves you, the member, from paying it. If you do not receive your bill, contact us before the due date.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

2017 GRADS: ARE YOUR PARENTS DARKE REC MEMBERS?

IF SO, YOU COULD WIN UP TO \$1,200 IN SCHOLARSHIPS!

* Darke REC will award six scholarships totaling \$5,400.

* First-place winners in both the girls' and boys' division will go on to compete for a \$3,500 statewide scholarship through Ohio's Electric Cooperatives.



CHILDREN OF MEMBERS SCHOLARSHIP:

- First-place Darke REC Scholarship: \$1,200
- Second-place Darke REC Scholarship: \$900
- Third-place Darke REC Scholarship: \$600
- Applications due Feb. 15, 2017, to Darke REC office
- Visit www.darkerec.com for applications and rules
- Pick an application up from your guidance counselor

OHIO'S ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVES

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HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS:



YOUTH TOUR 2017

Interested in a life-changing leadership experience in Washington, D.C.?

What is Youth Tour?

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is an annual leadership program coordinated by Darke Rural Electric Cooperative and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives. It's a weeklong, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., that gives exceptional high school students the opportunity to meet with their congressional leaders at the U.S. Capitol, make new friends from across the state and country, and see many of the famous Washington sights.

Electric cooperatives from 43 states will send about 1,600 students this year for the annual tour. **Will you be one of them?**

To apply for Youth Tour...

Successful applicants:

- must be a high school sophomore or junior.
- must be a son, daughter, or legal ward of a Darke Rural Electric member living on the cooperative's lines and receiving electric service from the cooperative at the time of selection.
- must submit an application from their high school guidance office, call the cooperative office, or go online to www.darkerec.com (youth programs).

Applicants will be required to take a test consisting of true/false and short essay questions about rural electrification. Applicants will receive a "Cooperative Difference" book to study for the test along with their application.

While on the tour, you will visit:

- Gettysburg, Pa.
- World War II Memorial
- Jefferson Memorial
- White House
- U.S. Capitol & Supreme Court
- Smithsonian Institution
- Lincoln Memorial
- Washington National Cathedral
- Arlington National Cemetery
- ... and much more!

Tour date: June 9-15, 2017

Application deadline: March 1, 2017

Yes! I am interested in hearing how I can be part of the 2017 Youth Tour June 9-15 to Washington, D.C., this summer.

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ ZIP: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Sophomore Junior

Male Female

Mail to: Beth Davenport
Darke Rural Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 278
Greenville, OH 45331

NOTICE


As provided for in ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4 of the Code of Regulations of Darke Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., the nominating committee of the cooperative will meet on Jan. 4, 2017, at the cooperative office, 1120 Fort Jefferson Rd., Greenville, Ohio, to nominate candidates for election of members to the board of trustees. The nominating committee will nominate members from District 4, consisting of Liberty, Neave, Van Buren, and Twin Townships in Darke County; and District 7, consisting of Harrison, Washington, and Twin Townships in Preble County.

The members will then elect one trustee from Districts 4 and 7 at the Annual Meeting of Members, held March 16, 2017, at the Lighthouse Christian Center, 5256 Sebring-Warner Road, Greenville, OH.

Members of the Nominating Committee are: District 1, Roger Fortkamp; District 2, Denise Heitkamp; District 3, Karen Harder; District 4, Susan Laux; District 5, Robert Godown; District 6, Joyce Neanen; and District 7, Wendy Aker. If you are interested in being nominated, please contact your district nominating committee member or the co-op office prior to Jan. 4.





For a copy of the Code of Regulations of Darke Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., you may call the office at 548-4114 or 1-800-776-5612.

DARKE RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.



2017 Energy Efficiency Calendar Energy Explorers

Start the new year off by being more energy efficient!
Each month, try changing your energy use habits by using the tips below. Keep this calendar on your refrigerator to remind family members to be energy efficient throughout the year.

	JANUARY Turn off lights when you leave a room.	FEBRUARY Remind family members to use cold water when washing clothes.	MARCH Turn off water while brushing your teeth.
APRIL Ask an adult to help you plant a tree to help shade your home in the summer.	MAY Clean or replace your air filter. You may need to ask an adult to help.	JUNE Keep the thermostat at 78 degrees Fahrenheit during summer months.	
	JULY Close curtains and blinds during the day to block the sun.	AUGUST Keep all doors and windows closed while the AC is running.	SEPTEMBER Dry clothes outdoors on a clothesline instead of using the dryer.
OCTOBER Only open the refrigerator door for short amounts of time when necessary.	NOVEMBER Take short showers instead of a bath.	DECEMBER Decorate your home for the holidays with energy-saving LED bulbs.	

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

Happy New Year!

Out with the old, in with the new — wishing you a happy and safe year the whole way through.

The office is closed Jan. 2. Emergency service is available at 937-548-4114.

