

WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR 2016



Every year, Grady EMC is proud to sponsor three outstanding young people from our service area for a week long, all expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. as part of the EMC Washington Youth Tour Program. This life changing event allows students from Grady, Thomas and Decatur Counties to learn more about the role of government in our lives and the importance of community and public service. It also provides an opportunity for our young people to meet face-to-face with members of Georgia's congressional delegation and to visit historical points of interest in both Georgia and Washington D.C.

Representing Grady EMC for the 2016 Washington Youth Tour will be three rising seniors, one from each county in our service area.

Savannah Padgett (Bainbridge High), **Shelbie Jordan** (Cairo High), and **Jacob Cone** (Thomasville High Scholars Academy) were selected from a group of ten well deserving finalists to travel to Atlanta and Washington D.C. from June 9-16, 2016.

The Washington Youth Tour is Georgia's oldest leadership program for teens and Grady EMC considers it an honor to invest in these three students this year. It is our hope that it will spark in each of these talented young people a passion for public service that will serve both our local communities and each of them well in the years to come!

Congratulations Savannah, Shelbie and Jacob! We look forward to seeing what the future holds for you!



Savannah Padgett



Shelbie Jordan



Jacob Cone

Are you ready for Storm Season?

Hurricane Season runs from June 1 until November 30. As you prepare for storm season, please make sure your account information is updated and current in our system. To report outages accurately, you will need your Grady EMC account number or the phone number linked to your account. For more information on how we can help you be prepared in case of severe weather, call 229-377-4182 and we will be glad to assist you.

- ☐ Do you have Grady EMC's outage number and your account number available in case you electricity goes out?
- ☐ Is your contact information updated with Grady EMC?
- ☐ Is your emergency kit and emergency plan in place for you and your family?

For a storm preparedness checklist, visit GradyEMC.com.

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Grady EMC Lineman were invited to be part of an event in Atlanta to recognize Georgia Lineman and the important role they play in maintaining our quality of life. They also participated in a bill signing ceremony for a bill that includes utility workers in Georgia's "Move Over Law." This was part of Lineman Appreciation Day at the Georgia Capitol. Highlighted from left to right in the second row are Grady EMC Crew Leader **Mike Savitz** & Linemen **Michael Godwin**, **Chad Morrell**, and **Keith Phillips**.



Wishing all of our members a happy and safe Fourth of July!



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Grady EMC's John Hudson and Scott Taliaferro with 8th grade class at Shiver.

Grady EMC is proud to offer live line demonstrations to your school or community organization. This program teaches students about Grady EMC's distribution equipment and the importance of safety around electricity. If you would like information on our live line program or would like to schedule a demonstration, please contact Grady EMC.

Congratulations to the Class of 2016

Graduation is a milestone event in the life of students. It is a time to celebrate all that you have accomplished to arrive at this point. You have shown an ability to overcome obstacles and to handle whatever challenges stand in your way.

Whatever your future may hold, whether it be continuing your education or transitioning into the workforce, we wish you happiness and continued success. Today Grady EMC joins with your family and friends in celebrating your past accomplishments and anticipating your future success! **Congratulations!**



To honor our country and those who have died to defend it, Grady EMC will observe the following holidays:

Memorial Day— May 30, 2016 - Fourth of July—July 4, 2016

Even though our office is closed, Grady EMC is here 24/7 for our members. Report your outage at 229-377-6060 or online at GradyEMC.com For other emergencies, call us at 229-377-4182 or 800-942-4362.

Lineman Appreciation

“Whereas linemen leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on; Whereas linemen work 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain and repair the electric infrastructure; Whereas linemen are the first responders of the electric cooperative family, getting power back on and making things safe for all after storms and accidents; and Whereas there would be no electric cooperatives without the brave men and women who comprise our corps of linemen; Therefore be it resolved that NRECA recognizes the Second Monday of April of each year as National Lineman Appreciation Day.”

Every year during the month of April, EMCs across the country take a day to pause and recognize the hard work and dedication of a special group of men and women. Linemen have long been the first responders of the utility world. At the first hint of trouble, they gather their tools and head out to ensure that homes and businesses have the power they need to keep running. The hours are long and the conditions are often rough. They work in ice storms and thunderstorms. They hike through swamps and over mountains. They are often the first in after tornados and hurricanes. Whether noon or midnight, they answer the call for help.

Today's linemen are continuing a legacy of sacrifice and commitment that began with the birth of power delivery. Linemen in the late 1800s and early 1900s faced death on a daily basis, with over 25% suffering fatal, job related injuries. While the death rate has dropped, the job today is still just as hazardous and requires a special individual with unique skills to do it well.

Grady EMC is thankful for the group of men who have chosen to invest their lives and energies into keeping our power grid operational. Our organization's reputation in this community is built on their exceptional skill and professionalism. The next time you see one of our linemen out in the community, join us in recognizing them for the vital work they do!



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