

Win a Youth Tour EXPERIENCE

Two local SLECA students will have the opportunity to be winners of the 2009 SLECA Youth Tour Contest and spend a week with about two dozen other students from across Louisiana on a "Government in Action" Youth Tour of Washington, D.C.

The trip to Washington, D.C. has been described as "the experience of a lifetime" by past winners, offering an opportunity to learn about our government and meet many important figures while making a lot of cool, new friends (Acct. No. 8202642700).

For over 23 years, SLECA has reached out to local students, offering them the opportunity to participate in the Youth Tour Program. If you are interested, this is what you need to know:

Eligibility Requirements

- High school sophomores and juniors are eligible.
- Electricity to your residence or parent's business must be provided by SLECA.

Youth Tour Contest Guidelines

1. Students must write a letter approximately 500 words long to an elected official. The entry must be submitted in the proper letter format to be eligible.
2. The students should voice their opinion (positive or negative) to the respective local, state or federal official in a letter format on any issue, problem or matter they believe to be critical to South Louisiana.
3. The topic of concern should be stated and thoroughly discussed and the letter should be addressed to the official the student has selected.
4. On a separate sheet attached to the essay, the student must write his/her name, Social Security Number, name of school and grade level, parents' names, address, and telephone number.
5. All entries must include a current photo with their submission for use in news releases at the conclusion of the contest.

Entries should be mailed to Youth Tour Essay Contest, c/o SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, LA 70361, or delivered to SLECA's main office at 2028 Coteau Road, Highway 660, Houma, LA, or SLECA's branch office in Amelia, 2903 Lake Palourde Rd., Morgan City, LA 70380; P.O. Box 1126, Amelia, LA 70340

All letters become the property of South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association.

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN January 31, 2009.

A judging committee will select two top letters and one alternate. Letters are judged on knowledge of subject, originality, composition, neatness and grammar.

For more information, contact SLECA at 876-6880 or 1-800-256-8826.

Enter SLECA's Christmas Lighting Contest

Light up your home this Christmas and win a \$100 Cash Prize! Entries will be accepted through December 19, 2008.

RULES:

1. Contest open to SLECA residential members only.
2. SLECA directors, employees, retired employees and/or their families are not eligible to win.
3. Electricity is required. Outdoor lighting only.
4. Suggested themes: Religious, Contemporary, Novelty.
5. Entries must be received at SLECA by December 19, 2008. Judging to be held December 22 from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. Be sure your Christmas lights are on Dec. 22 for the judging.
6. Winners will be notified by telephone.
7. 2007 winners are ineligible.
8. Cash Prizes (\$100 in each of SLECA's nine member districts) will be awarded.

To enter, complete this form and return by December 19, 2008, to SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, La 70361. Or simply call SLECA's office in Houma, 876-6880, 1-800-256-8826; or Amelia 631-3605, 1-800-256-8836.

Christmas Lighting Contest Entry Form

Name _____
Address _____
Account No.: _____
Phone #: _____

SLECA News



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Alexander Doyle, President
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P.O. Box 4037, Houma, LA 70361 (876-6880)

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

Hurricanes Gustav and Ike batter SLECA's service area Honor roll thanks those who provided aid

Recovery work after Hurricane Gustav's landfall on Sept. 1 was well underway at South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Assn. when Hurricane Ike sent storm surges across south Louisiana on its way to devastate Galveston, Texas (Acct. No. 7052932300).

Ike's tidal surge caused the overtopping of levees in several south Louisiana parishes. The situation in Montegut, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Dulac, Dularge and other bayou communities looked similar to the damage done by Hurricane Rita in 2005 when thousands of homes were flooded. South Terrebonne Parish was particularly hard hit.

Utility crews (see Honor Roll on this month's cover) from electric cooperatives in Kentucky, Alabama, Arkansas, Texas, Ohio, Okalahoma and Florida were among the 408 additional workers who came to SLECA's aid.

"We sincerely appreciate the patience and cooperation of our members during this emergency," noted SLECA General Manager Michael J. Guidry, who also praised the rapid response of fellow Louisiana electric cooperatives that sent crews and equipment to assist SLECA's own 84 employees during its recovery. "Mike Bergeaux, Director of Loss Control



with the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, did an outstanding job coordinating extra crews that came to SLECA's aid during this emergency."

"Our employees performed brilliantly in the face of extreme hardships after suffering the direct impact of Gustav. SLECA employees who suffered damage to their own homes and personal property made restoration of service to our consumers a priority ahead of their own needs. Their performance,

combined with the skilled assistance of our fellow cooperatives and many contractors under very difficult conditions demonstrated their dedication, the effectiveness of our Emergency Work Plan and the professional training our employees receive.

"SLECA was able to hit the ground running even before Hurricane Gustav had passed through. I can't thank our members, employees and all the professionals who came to our aid enough," Guidry proclaimed.

KIDS...Christmas is almost here Draw a picture and win a prize!

We're having a Christmas contest for kids. And the prize is a \$100 Christmas gift certificate. All you have to do to win is draw a picture of your favorite Christmas activity. It can be anything you like to do at Christmas time, such as decorating the tree, wrapping gifts, Christmas shopping or going caroling...Anything!

In addition to winning the gift certificate, the winning picture will be featured in the December issue of Louisiana Country. And this is not all. Your picture will be prominently displayed on a billboard courtesy of SLECA and Lamar Outdoor Advertising for all your friends and family to see.

Here is what you need to know:

- You must be 10 years old or younger.
- Contest is open to SLECA members only.
- Entries must be submitted on one 8-1/2 x 11-inch sheet of paper.
- Any medium (crayons, markers, watercolors, etc.) may be used to draw your picture. (Acct. No. 2450513911)
- The entry form must be attached to the back of your drawing.
- Employees of SLECA will judge all entries.
- You should mail your entries to SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, LA 70361 or drop it by the SLECA Houma office at 2028 Coteau Road.
- Deadline to receive entries is November 17th.

ENTRY FORM

Attach this form to the back of entry

Child's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Child's Age: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

SLECA Account Number: _____

Across the Board

August 4, 2008

Present were directors Alexander Doyle, president; David Luke, vice-president; Brian Rivet, secretary; Terry Trahan, treasurer; Tracy Duval, J. D. Boudreaux, Eroy Acosta, Roger Dale DeHart, Larry J. Daigle and Lloyd Gibson, advisor. Also attending were Michael Guidry, general manager; Bill Schoening, TESI CEO; James Funderburk, attorney, and Elaine Robertson, member services supervisor.

After the invocation and pledge, the board approved 178 new members, the minutes of the July 7 regular board meeting and the ALEC report (Acct. No. 1404396600).

The financial report, approved by the board, highlighted interest earnings, cash on hand, rate comparison showing SLECA having the lowest rates compared to other area utilities, line loss, kilowatt hour sales for the month, cumulative sales to date, cost of service, equity, TIER, electric and total revenue versus cost per kilowatt hour.

Following an update on upcoming schools, meetings and events, Mr. Guidry reported on the following: (1) SLECA continues to have the lowest rates in the area; (2) The public's views are changing on energy due to the rising costs of gasoline and most other products; (3) A bill in Congress would grant employees "the right to request" reduced hours or an alternate work schedule and another bill calls for employees to work overtime and "bank" those hours toward paid time off or "family time;" (4) There is a dispute between Washington-St. Tammany Electric and La Gen over a bill in the amount of \$6 million that WST received from La Gen three years after WST took over serving the Town of Franklinton; (5) Commissioner Blossom placed the La Gen contract on the agenda for the recent PSC meeting because of his concern the PSC has no jurisdiction over the contract between La Gen and WST; (6) Commissioner Blossom has withdrawn from the race for the Public Service Commission; (7) Because of the hot weather, SLECA can expect to receive some high bill complaints even though its rates are lower than its competitors; (8) The PSC has called a meeting for August 12th and invited Governor Jindal to attend because they would be discussing the possibility that utility companies grant its customers an "average billing" program; (9) Tom Bourg told the Terrebonne Parish Council that there was no relief in sight for the cost of electricity; (10) SLECA experienced a cumulative fuel savings of \$5,003,563 as a result of the board's decision to go with the actual fuel rate instead of a fixed rate; (11) There is a new ruling that allows only cooperative members to be ACRE members; (12) Employees earned another safety supper as of July 31st but no plans have been made yet; and (13) The bids for the pontoon bridge crossing should be in by the next board meeting.

The board then approved the manager's report and expenses, the safety report, the attorney's report and fees and rescheduling the November Board meeting to Monday, November 10.

The meeting was then adjourned.

You may obtain copies of the minutes by contacting SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, LA 70361 or by calling (985) 876-6880 or 1-800-256-8826.

SLECA SWEEPSTAKES

Did you know that each month SLECA gives away CASH just for reading LOUISIANA COUNTRY? It's true. Every month, four lucky SLECA consumers have their account numbers randomly selected by computer. The numbers are then hidden in the articles in the SLECA News section of LOUISIANA COUNTRY. Then it's up to you. If you see your account number, call SLECA and win \$25.00 in cash or have your winnings applied to your bill. It's that simple. So, if you are not reading LOUISIANA COUNTRY you're missing out on great local articles and the possibility of winning extra money.

Your Cooperative Connection

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Hurricanes Gustav and Ike HONOR ROLL

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