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YTWinner CEvanson: Caden Evanson, Lansing, Kee High School

YTWinnerRTroendle: Riley Troendle, Lansing, Kee High School

Judges: Judging this year's applicants were l-r: LeAnn Meyer, West Union; Connie Euans, South Winneshiek High School Guidance Counselor, and Janice Koenig, Castalia.

REC Youth Tour Winners Announced

Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative has selected two area high school students to go on an all-expense-paid Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. Caden Evanson and Riley Troendle, both of Lansing, will depart from Des Moines on June 18 for an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. Both students are sophomores at Kee High.

The two students will join 1,800 other high school sophomores and juniors from across the nation for this once-in-a-lifetime trip. Youth Tour applicants meet personally with a panel of judges who quiz them on their knowledge of rural electrification and the Cooperative form of business. The student's parents or legal guardians must be members of the Cooperative.

The 2022 judges were Connie Euans, the guidance counselor at South Winneshiek School; Janice Koenig, Castalia, and LeAnn Meyer, West Union.

For many REC Youth Tour winners, it will be a week of firsts: First week away from home, first airplane flight, and first time seeing the famous sites of Washington, D.C. They return with impressions of a culture far different from the small towns and farms usually served by electric cooperatives. Those impressions will help shape their future and the future of rural areas.

All high school sophomore and junior students whose parents or legal guardians are members of ACEC are eligible to participate in the Youth Tour contest. Information on the 2023 contest will be available from the Cooperative and in the offices of area high school guidance counselors beginning in December. Additional information is available at acrec.com and youthtour.coop.

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