

Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative **2012 Youth Day and Youth to Washington**



Pictured above are last year's winners meeting Congressman Aaron Schock. Left to right are Jacqueline Bingham, Monica Murphy, Alyssa Heavner, Congressman Schock, Courtney Bowman, Kristen Bishop and Marlee Jo Bradshaw.

Illinois Rural Electric is sponsoring the "Youth to Washington" and "Youth to Springfield" programs again this year. Any sophomores, juniors, or seniors who are children of Illinois Rural Electric members are eligible to participate.

On Youth Day, March 28, 2012, students will be traveling to Springfield for a full day of events. These students will be meeting with their legislators and touring the State Capitol Complex, Illinois Supreme Court, and the Old State Capitol. At the end of the day, the judges will interview each eligible student.

There will be two first place winners, one from each side of the river, who will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D. C. (\$1,300) and each of the runners-up will receive one half of the total Washington expenses (\$650).

This is a great opportunity to see many sites in Washington, visit Gettysburg, Smithsonian Museums, Arlington Cemetery, Holocaust Museum and numerous other sites.

Participation forms can be secured from your local high school guidance counselor or by contacting Dorothy Cox at Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative, 217-243-8705.