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## ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

# Youth Tour

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICANTS

High school sophomores,  
juniors eligible

Jump into action now if you're interested in attending Walton EMC's 2014 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour.

Walton EMC sends four local high school sophomores or juniors, all-expense paid, to represent the cooperative, learn valuable leadership skills and see the sights at the Youth Tour's two stops: Atlanta and Washington, D.C.

You and participants from Georgia and the United States interact with our nation's leaders. Don't delay—apply today!

### TO QUALIFY:

- Be a high school sophomore or junior.
- Live or attend a school in WEMC's service area.
- Have your parent's permission to enter.
- Commit to making the trip on June 12–20 if you win.

### FOLLOW THESE STEPS

1. Complete and send the entry form, parent's authorization and student commitment. Walton EMC must receive this form by **5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 7, 2014.**
2. You'll get study material in the mail.
3. Study!
4. Take a written test on **Monday, March 3, 2014** on the study material.
5. The eight contestants scoring the highest on the written test will advance to a short interview.
6. Judges choose four winners and two alternates.



"My favorite part of the tour was meeting some of the best teens from around the country," says Rachel Cole, 2013 Walton EMC youth tour delegate, pictured second from left. "Everyone in the group was responsible, mature, fun, motivated and enthusiastic. Through the Youth Tour, I have formed friendships that will last a lifetime." Shown with Cole are delegates, from left, Leslie Kumi, Kuna Fortingo and Noah Weinrich.

### THREE WAYS TO GET AN ENTRY FORM:

- Go to [waltonemc.com](http://waltonemc.com)
- Email [jbroun@waltonemc.com](mailto:jbroun@waltonemc.com)
- Call 770-266-2572

**LEARN MORE** See videos here!

[www.youtube.com/user/georgiaemcyouthtour](http://www.youtube.com/user/georgiaemcyouthtour)

## QUICK GUIDE



### IF YOUR POWER IS OUT

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# safety + efficiency *ideas* for your home

## RECIPE

Swap

### African Groundnut Chicken

Cooking oil

4 chicken thighs or breasts, skin on

1 small can tomato paste

1 cup creamy or crunchy peanut butter

1 can diced tomatoes

¼ cup chicken broth

1 medium onion, chopped

1 bell pepper, chopped

2 celery stalks, diced

Black pepper to taste

Garlic, minced or powdered to taste

Sprigs of fresh parsley (optional)

¼ cup chopped dry roasted peanuts or raisins (optional)

Liquid hot sauce (optional)

This trusted standby has a delish twist!

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Add oil to frying pan and brown chicken on all sides for 20 to 30 minutes total. Remove chicken and drain on paper towels.

Add tomato paste and peanut butter to a large mixing bowl and stir together. Mix in diced tomatoes, broth, onion, bell pepper, celery, black pepper and garlic.

Spread about 1 cup of peanut butter mixture on bottom of 8 X 8-inch casserole. Place chicken on top of sauce, and spoon remaining sauce over and around chicken. Cover casserole loosely and cook at 350 degrees for 45 to 55 minutes. Check chicken with a thermometer and continue cooking until it reaches an internal temperature of 165 degrees.

Remove from oven and garnish with parsley, nuts and raisins, if desired. Serve over cooked rice and allow diners to add hot sauce to suit their taste. Serves 4.

*Thanks!* to **Dona Jacob of Lilburn** for sharing her recipe. *The recipes featured are not independently tested, so we depend on the accuracy of the cooks sending them. Always use safe food handling, preparation and cooking procedures from recognized experts.*

*Share!* your great recipe. If we use it, you'll win a Walton EMC cookbook!

Mail to Walton EMC, Attn: Recipes, P.O. Box 260, Monroe, GA, 30655 or email to [recipes@waltonemc.com](mailto:recipes@waltonemc.com).

## {PORTABLE GENERATOR GUIDE}

Thinking of buying your own *power* plant? Consider these tips:

### Choosing a Generator

**SIZING** Total the wattage of the devices you want to power and compare to the generator's output. Rotating devices will cut generator size. If in doubt, choose a larger generator rather than risk an overload.

**NOISE** Generator sound levels are rated in dBA, with an average generator measuring about 75 dBA. The way you position the unit can increase or decrease noise.

**STARTING** Pull cord or electric start. Electric starting is easier, but adds cost.

**MOBILITY** Can you easily move the unit? Good wheels, balanced weight and decent handles help.

**FUEL** Gasoline, diesel or propane. Gas may be easier to find in emergencies. Diesel or propane generators are more expensive. The average gasoline generator will use from 12 to 20 gallons running all day.

### Using a Generator

**EXERCISE** Don't wait until you need it to see if your generator works. Crank and run the unit under load every two to four weeks.

**POWER QUALITY** Use a surge protector with sensitive electronics. Use an uninterruptible power supply with computers. Buy a meter and check the output voltage of your generator. It should stay within two or three percent of 120 volts.

### Generator Safety

**CONNECTING DEVICES** Use a transfer switch connected to your home's electrical system by a licensed electrician or directly plug devices into the generator. Jury-rigging the generator's connection is illegal and deadly.



One of the features to consider when purchasing a generator is how you'll start it. The choices are manual (shown here) or electric where you simply turn a key. Once you have a generator, start and run it regularly to ensure the unit is ready when you need to press it into service.



Check your generator's output regularly to ensure it's within a few percent of 120 volts. A simple electric multi-meter is what you need to perform this test.

**EXTENSION CORDS** Don't skimp by buying cheap cords. Get adequate wire size for the load you plan to power. Long cords should be oversized to account for voltage drop.

**FUEL** Let the unit cool before refueling. Store fuel safely.

**CARBON MONOXIDE** Never run a generator in an enclosed space. Place the unit outside at least 15 feet from the structure. Install CO detectors in your home.



Have a licensed electrician install a transfer switch if you want to connect a generator directly to your home's electrical system. The switch prevents electricity from flowing back onto Walton EMC's electric system. An improperly connected generator can kill unsuspecting line technicians or anyone else who comes in contact with a downed line.



## {WATER PIPE SAFETY}

### Relieve the Pressure of a Pipe Disaster

Ever put a can of soda in the freezer and returned to an icy mess? Expanding water can cause household water pipes to react the same way.

Pipes nearest an exterior wall are the most likely to freeze along with swimming pool lines and sprinklers. Pay special attention to supply lines in basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages and kitchen cabinets.

Frozen pipes is a costly problem facing homeowners. Here are some simple precautions to prevent a wintertime catastrophe:

- Insulate water tanks and pipes.
- Keep cabinets doors open and garage doors closed to allow warmer air to circulate around pipes.
- Let hot and cold lines drip. A running faucet relieves pressure between the faucet and the ice. No pressure means no bursting.
- Seal leaks to keep cold air away from pipes.
- When traveling, keep the home's interior above 55 degrees F.
- Know how to shut off your home's water main. Quick action can minimize damage.



## {HVAC EFFICIENCY}

### Change Your System's Filter

Did you know that the easiest way to save money and energy on heating and cooling is to regularly change your system's filter. But who can remember to do that?

### Here's why you should use our FilterChange service:

- Expert help in choosing the right filter for your system and filtration needs.
- Fast, free shipping, right to your door. Forget about running to the store.
- Free returns if you ordered the wrong filter or are dissatisfied for any reason.
- We'll remind you! Set email reminders to suit your preference.

To order: Visit [filterchange.waltonemc.com](http://filterchange.waltonemc.com) or call 888-939-9788.



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The Classic Center, Athens

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Walton EMC customer-owners present this coupon for

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# 2014 Residential Energy Rebates

Take advantage of these rebates if you're improving the energy efficiency of your existing home or planning for the energy efficiency of your new home. Rebates may be combined.

## Existing Home

EQUIPMENT	ACTION	AMOUNT
Marathon water heater*	Purchase and install	\$200/unit
Electric water heater	Change from gas	\$200/unit
Heat pump water heater	Install	\$200/location
Waste heat recovery	Install	\$200/location
Electric heat pump	Change from gas	\$200/unit

## New Home

EQUIPMENT	ACTION	AMOUNT
Marathon water heater*	Purchase and install	\$200/unit
Electric water heater	Install	\$200/unit
Heat pump water heater	Install	\$200/location
Waste heat recovery	Install	\$200/location
Underground service discount**	Build a total electric home	\$325 or \$500

\*Must be purchased from Walton EMC. \*\*Available to homeowner only if home is built on significant acreage.

## VEHICLE *Sale!*

Walton EMC is offering the vehicles below for sale by sealed bid during February. You can see these vehicles at Walton EMC's headquarters, 842 Highway 78, about five miles east of Monroe. Viewing is for one week only beginning Monday, Feb. 10, and ending Friday, Feb. 14, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You can view the vehicles behind the Monroe office building. Bid sheets will be available in the mailbox adjacent to the vehicles.

All vehicles are on an as-is basis. All bids must be postmarked on or before midnight, Friday, Feb. 14. The highest bidder will be contacted as soon as possible.

Walton EMC reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Buyer is responsible for title ad valorem tax. Send bids to Walton EMC, Attn: Ron Marshall-Vehicle Bid, P.O. Box 260, Monroe, GA, 30655 or drop off at our drive-through window.

VEHICLE #	DESCRIPTION	APPROX. MILEAGE
1551	2007 Ford F-150	165,000
1231	2001 Ford F-450	230,000
2241	2001 Ford F-450	257,000
2281	2001 Ford F-450	248,000
1751	2000 Ford E-250	120,000