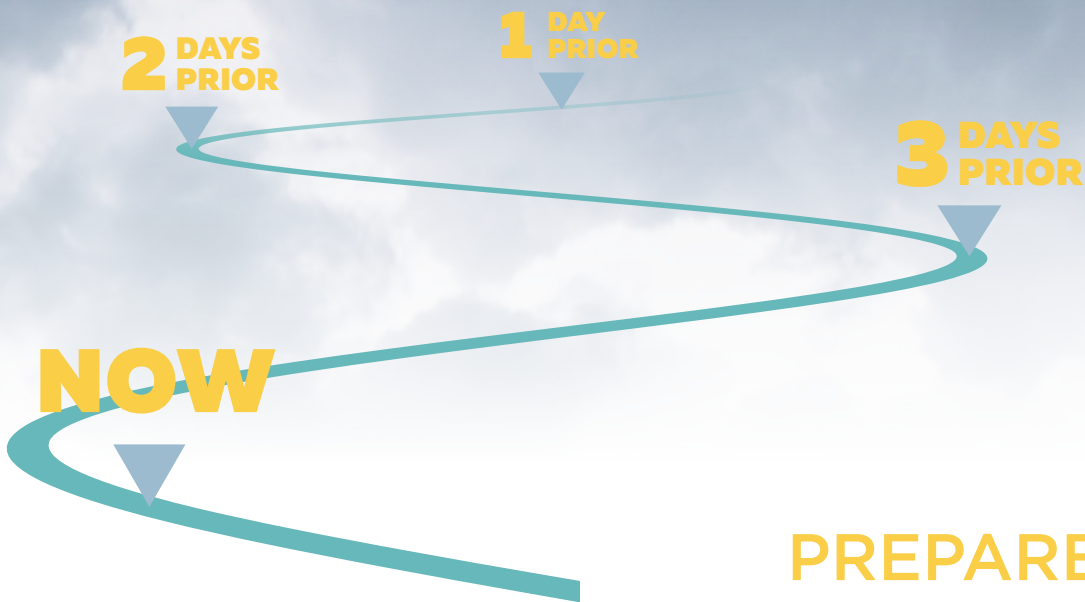


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## PREPARE FOR **STORMY WEATHER**

JANUARY 2018

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WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN  
COMMUNITY IMPACT: FAMILY TIES  
VARIETY OF WAYS TO PAY



# IN THE COMMUNITY

As a cooperative, we're fundamentally connected to the communities we serve. We're blessed to have so many employees with big hearts who are investing countless hours in their communities.

Take, for example, Melanie Berryman in our Neese office. Melanie has a unique gift for connecting with teen mothers. She began mentoring young mothers more than 20 years ago by encouraging them to complete their education and preparing them for parenthood. Melanie has now mentored more than 100 teen moms.

For Melanie, her greatest reward is watching these teen parents cross the stage at graduation.

To me, that's a great story showing how one person can make a profound connection with young people.

At Jackson EMC, we want our employees to connect their interests with the needs of our communities. That may mean mentoring one-on-one with a student. Or, serving on a team with co-workers to build facilities for a special needs camp. It could also be spearheading a toy drive for families in need.

Several years ago, one of our employees, Tim Sweat, rallied his fellow Jackson EMC co-workers to start a motorcycle ride that would benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Sadly, Tim had lost close family members to cancer. But he also knew that cancer affects everyone. Ultimately, Tim's call to co-workers

to help has raised more than \$53,000 since the motorcycle ride's inception in 2006.

Then, there's Chris June, one of our linemen, who helped start a nonprofit organization that assists local military veterans returning to civilian life. Chris is part of a program with Military Veterans of Georgia that trains service dogs for assisting veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). These special dogs are trained by Chris and other volunteers to ease their owners' anxiety. In turn, our veterans can get some of the support they need to overcome and manage PTSD.

I always enjoy hearing how people are lending a helping hand in their communities. It's often in those stories that you gain insight to what matters most to that person.

With the start of a New Year, I'd encourage you to connect with what stirs your heart to a need in your community. It could be one of the most rewarding and satisfying experiences for you this year.

**How can we serve your community's needs? Send me a note to [chip@jacksonemc.com](mailto:chip@jacksonemc.com).**

Chip Jakins, President/CEO

## WAYS TO SAVE: WAYS TO PAY

**JACKSON EMC OFFERS A VARIETY OF WAYS FOR MEMBERS TO PAY THEIR POWER BILL. WHETHER YOU PREFER TO MAIL YOUR PAYMENT, PAY IN PERSON, OR HANDLE YOUR TRANSACTION ONLINE, WE HAVE A PAYMENT METHOD THAT FITS YOUR LIFE.**



### PAY IN PERSON

Visit us inside or use the drive-through window at our offices in Jefferson, Gainesville, Lawrenceville or Neese (see addresses on page 8). We're open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. After regular business hours, use night deposit boxes located at these offices.



### ONLINE

At [ebill.jacksonemc.com](http://ebill.jacksonemc.com), use your checking account to make a free ACH payment, or pay as a guest using a credit or debit card (there's a fee for these transactions). Also, you may use your bank's online payment services to make an Electronic Funds Transfer payment.



### MAIL

Using the return envelope that comes with your power bill, mail your payment to Jackson EMC, P.O. Box 100, Jefferson, GA 30549.



### AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT

The easiest way to pay your bill is to pay automatically with a bank draft with no additional charge. Your account will be drafted on the day the bill is due. You'll continue to receive a monthly power bill, but it will be marked "Paid by draft," and your monthly bank statement will show the date and amount of your Jackson EMC payment.



### BY PHONE

Call 1 (800) 325-8597 to pay by electronic check (no fee); by credit card (MasterCard, Visa or Discover, with a fee); or by ATM/debit card with Pulse, Star, NYCE or Accel logo (with a fee).



FOR MORE ON PAYMENT METHODS, VISIT [JACKSONEMC.COM/WAYSTOPAY](http://JACKSONEMC.COM/WAYSTOPAY)



# WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

A tour of the U.S. Capitol and the Supreme Court, meeting Georgia's congressional delegates, lunch at George Washington's Mount Vernon, and other opportunities to explore our nation's capital are available for young leaders on the Washington Youth Tour.

Sponsored by the nation's electric cooperatives since 1958, the Washington Youth Tour is designed to build leadership skills while educating young people about the cooperative business model and American history and government.

**Jackson EMC will send four student delegates who will join 110 teens from Georgia's electric co-ops. Together, they will meet 1,700 delegates from 42 other states in Washington, D.C. on June 7-14, 2018.**



Cecelia Tatro, Johnson High School; Gabriela Maduro-Salvarrey, Peachtree Ridge High School; Trudy Ward, Madison County High School; and, Sheefa Ali, Collins Hill High School, served as the 2017 Washington Youth Tour delegates for Jackson EMC.

The intense week begins with leadership and team building exercises and a banquet in Atlanta before flying into D.C. for a week-long, fast-paced experience.

Highlights for the 2018 tour include a wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, an evening tour of the National Mall monuments, a sunset parade at the Iwo Jima statue, a cruise on the Potomac River, and a dinner performance of the Broadway musical "Newsies." Plus, delegates will tour Mount Vernon, the United States Capitol, the Smithsonian museums, the Supreme Court and the Washington National Cathedral.

High school sophomores and juniors with demonstrated potential for leadership, academic success and community service should apply through their high school guidance counselor, who will nominate one candidate for consideration. Ten finalists will interview with a panel of business, community and university leaders to be one of Jackson EMC's four delegates to receive the all-expenses paid leadership development experience in D.C. Deadlines vary for each school, so check the counselor's office for due dates. All applicants must be 16 years old by June 1, 2018. Do not send applications to Jackson EMC directly.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [JACKSONEMC.COM/WYT](http://JACKSONEMC.COM/WYT)  
OR EMAIL KAREN EWING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE,  
AT [KEWING@JACKSONEMC.COM](mailto:KEWING@JACKSONEMC.COM).

## WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR 2018 TENTATIVE ITINERARY



**JUNE 7**

Kickoff banquet in Atlanta



**JUNE 8**

Team-building activities; flight to Washington D.C.

### ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. INCLUDE:



Tour and lunch at Mount Vernon; Holocaust Memorial Museum; dinner at Union Station; evening guided tour of memorials; photo op at the White House



Guided tour of Jefferson, Lincoln, Korean War and Vietnam Veterans memorials; Arlington National Cemetery guided tour; dinner performance of "Newsies" at Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia, Md.



All States assembly; tour Smithsonian museums; cruise on Potomac River



Tour Supreme Court, U.S. Capitol and Washington National Cathedral; Sunset Parade at U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima statue)



Meet with Georgia's congressional delegation; tour Newseum and Library of Congress; All States farewell event



**JUNE 14**

Return flight to Atlanta

# PREPARE FOR STORMY WEATHER

Severe weather can happen at any time. For Northeast Georgia, winter storms pose the greatest impact as icy weather can cause dangerous conditions. In many cases, weather forecasts can provide some time to prepare for severe winter weather or tropical storms. By creating a plan now and following it, you can safely prepare for severe weather well in advance.

When should you take steps to prepare for severe weather? Follow this timeline.



## REMAIN IN A SAFE, SECURE LOCATION

Avoid traveling on roadways.

## BRING PETS INDOORS

Provide a secure indoor location with food and water for pets.



## MAKE

### A HOUSEHOLD PLAN

Decide where to take shelter during an ice storm, tropical storm, hurricane, or tornado. What is your evacuation route? What are your specific household and family needs?

How to Make a Household Plan: [ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://ready.gov/make-a-plan)



## COLLECT

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Gather contact information for your family, work, doctor offices and insurance companies in the event you need to contact them during or after a storm.

## NOW

## STOCK

### NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

Keep canned goods, peanut butter, granola bars and similar food in your pantry in the event of a power outage.



## CHARGE CELL PHONES

Fully charge phones and tablets, which are helpful for communication before, during and after a storm.



## DURING STORM

### DURING ICE STORMS

Wear multiple layers of clothing and cover all exposed skin to minimize the risk of frostbite or hypothermia, if you go outside.



### DURING TROPICAL STORMS, HURRICANES, OR TORNADOES

Remain in a center room of a building to avoid debris caused by excessive winds from the storm.

### KEEP REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER

#### DOORS CLOSED

An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about 4 hours and a full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours.



### MONITOR NEWS

REPORTS DURING THE STORM

## MAKE A HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY KIT

Stock household essentials to last for at least three days.

How to Make an Emergency Kit:  
[news.jacksonemc.com/  
stormy-weather/](http://news.jacksonemc.com/stormy-weather/)



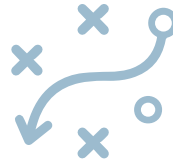
## PUT SUPPLIES IN YOUR VEHICLE

Keep basic emergency supplies in your vehicle.

How to Prepare Your Vehicle:  
[ready.gov/car](http://ready.gov/car)

## HAVE A BACK-UP PLAN

If you or your loved ones depend on medical equipment that requires electricity, work with your healthcare providers now for a back-up plan in the event of a power outage.



## SECURE YOUR PROPERTY

Bring in any outdoor items that may be damaged or cause damage during a storm.

## 3 DAYS PRIOR

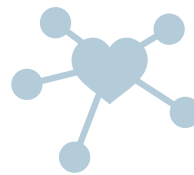


## FILL CONTAINERS WITH WATER

Place in freezer to act as ice to keep food cold in the event of a power outage.

## PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE

Keep your gas tank at least half full. Ensure your vehicle's tires and windshield wipers are working properly.



## CONNECT WITH LOVED ONES

Tell family and friends if you're in the path of a storm and relay your plans to stay safe.



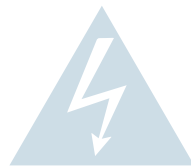
## PREPARE FOR MEDICAL NEEDS

Ensure you have medical supplies to last for several days after the storm.

## 2 DAYS PRIOR

## REPORT ANY POWER OUTAGES

Visit [outage.jacksonemc.com](http://outage.jacksonemc.com) to report a power outage or call 1-800-245-4044.



## AVOID DOWNED POWER LINES

Assume any power line on the ground is live. If the line is down in an area that poses an immediate risk, call 911 and report it to Jackson EMC.

## COMMUNICATE WITH LOVED ONES

Tell them you're okay, or seek emergency assistance if you need help.



## RESTOCK EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

Add new batteries, canned food and other supplies used from emergency kit.

## AFTER STORM



Formed in 1989, Family TIES of Gainesville works to break the cycle of abuse and neglect in families through parenting and intervention programs that teach adults how to provide a safe and nurturing environment for their children.

“We serve families who wish to improve their parenting skills as well as families who are incarcerated or mandated by Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) or the court system,” said Executive Director Dee Dee Mize. “We had one case where a mom’s children were taken from her. The husband was in a drug cartel and had abused their daughter for five years. The mother had been sexually abused as a child, was married at 14 and divorced at 16.”

Such circumstances can seem impossible to overcome, but through family counseling, individual counseling, parenting classes and one-on-one parenting instruction, Family TIES can help turn things around.

“They say it takes a village to raise a child,” Mize said. “Sometimes it takes a village to raise an adult, too.”

Parenting classes at Family TIES focus on communication skills, bonding and teaching what a healthy relationship is, not just with children but with partners as well, according to Mize.

“We work on discipline options, teaching parents about time out, taking away toys or privileges,” she said. “We do classes on social media, on proper ways of listening and responding to children, and on dealing with substance abuse issues that lead to neglect.”

Parenting 101 classes are for soon-to-be parents or caregivers for those with children ages 0 to 18.

“We work with families on how to encourage their kids,” said Mize, pointing out statistics that reveal that in a typical day the average adolescent hears 432 negative statements versus 32 positive. “So, they really need more positive reinforcement.”



Executive Director Dee Dee Mize chats with clients during a parenting class for Family TIES of Gainesville.

Programs are offered for teenagers whose parents are enrolled at Family TIES and include a teen group that helps adolescents with coping skills, self-esteem and how to deal with bullying. Parenting classes for Spanish speaking parents are offered, and one-on-one parenting classes are available to families in crisis.

Family TIES of Gainesville works with close to 2,000 families yearly, according to Mize who says parenting classes typically take about six months to complete.

“We try to be methodical as we proceed — and patient,” Mize said.

Family TIES serves Banks, Barrow, Franklin, Gwinnett, Hall, Jackson and Lumpkin counties. A recent \$15,000 grant from the Jackson EMC Foundation helps support parenting classes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [FAMILYTIESGAINESVILLE.ORG](http://FAMILYTIESGAINESVILLE.ORG).

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jackson Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) has corporate offices at 850 Commerce Highway in Jefferson, Ga., with district offices in Gainesville, Lawrenceville, Jefferson and Hull. Jackson EMC is a cooperative providing electric service to 10 Northeast Georgia Counties – Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Franklin, Gwinnett, Hall, Jackson, Lumpkin, Madison and Oglethorpe.

The cooperative is governed by a nine-member board of directors geographically representing the service area. Board members serve three-year staggered terms. Board members representing Banks, Jackson and Madison counties will be elected at the 2018 Annual Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2018, at the corporate offices in Jefferson.

Candidates may be nominated by the nominating committee, or by a petition complying with Article III Section 4 of the Bylaws that is signed by 50 or more members. Petitions must be delivered to the Corporation’s office in Jefferson not less than 150 days, and not more than 200 days, prior to the Annual Meeting. The complete director nomination and election process is contained in Articles II and III of the Jackson EMC Bylaws, which are available at [jacksonemc.com](http://jacksonemc.com) or at any office.

## OPERATION ROUNDUP: YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

The Jackson EMC Foundation board of directors awarded a total

**\$99,545 IN GRANTS**

during their November meeting, including **\$96,045 to organizations** and **\$3,500 to an individual.**

### ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

**\$15,000 | Salvation Army - Gwinnett County**, for its Financial Emergency Services Program, which provides rent and mortgage assistance to Gwinnett County residents in need to prevent homelessness and stabilize families in crisis.

**\$15,000 | View Point Health**, a Lawrenceville agency providing support to clients with behavioral health conditions, addictive diseases and developmental disabilities, to provide uninsured and underinsured clients with primary and specialty health care by assisting with copays for office visits, lab work, and pharmacy screenings through Four Corners Primary Care.

**\$14,000 | United Way of Northeast Georgia** to allow 480 Clarke County children under the age of five to participate in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program, which provides monthly age-appropriate books, supporting childhood literacy and success in school.

**\$10,000 | Salvation Army - Athens**, which serves Clarke, Madison and Oglethorpe

counties, for emergency shelter operations and to provide food to shelter residents and those in the community who are hungry and seek a meal at the nightly free dinner; the Athens agency provided about 50 individuals a day with emergency shelter and served 31,884 meals last year.

**\$10,000 | Salvation Army - Gainesville**, which serves Banks, Barrow, Hall and Jackson counties, for its Financial Emergency Services Program, which provides rent and mortgage assistance to residents in need to prevent homelessness and stabilize families in crisis.

**\$7,635 | Neighbor to Family**, a foster care program designed to keep siblings together when they are removed from their parents' care, to replace Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Program training materials used to provide foster caregivers and staff in Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Hall and Jackson Counties with instruction to keep foster children safe.

**\$7,500 | Georgia Community Support & Solutions**, a Norcross agency serving autistic adults in Gwinnett County, to help purchase a 15-passenger van that will allow participants access to community-based activities that allow them to practice and hone skills learned at the facility and integrate into the community.

**\$7,500 | Rainbow Children's Home**, a Dahlonega shelter for abused and neglected girls serving all counties in Jackson EMC's service area, to help fund programs that

go beyond the basics of food, clothing and shelter to provide services such as substance abuse treatment, independence and wellness training, and family reunification services.

**\$5,000 | H.O.P.E, Inc.**, a Duluth nonprofit serving low-income single parents in Gwinnett and Hall counties who are working to achieve their college degree, to help with childcare and housing when either situation threatens the parent's ability to continue their classes.

**\$2,500 | Spirit of Joy Church Food Bank**, in Flowery Branch, which distributes food to those in need in Barrow, Hall and Jackson counties, to purchase food.

**\$1,910 | Reins of Life**, a Franklin County nonprofit that offers hippotherapy treatment for special needs and at-risk children, youth and their families, to help five Franklin County clients attend therapy sessions that use a horse's movement to improve neuromuscular function.

### INDIVIDUAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

**\$3,500** to help dig a new well and replace the pump system of **a single mother** who has faced serious health issues and has been unable to work.



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY FOR A GRANT, VISIT [JACKSONEMC.COM/FOUNDATION](http://JACKSONEMC.COM/FOUNDATION)

## MEMBERS MAKE IT DELICIOUS

### Potato Soup



#### INGREDIENTS:

- 3 cans Swanson Chicken Broth (14.5 oz.)
- 1 package McCormick Country Gravy dry mix
- 1 cup 2% or whole milk
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 bag Ore-Ida hash browns

#### DIRECTIONS

In a large pot, combine chicken broth, dry gravy mix, milk and butter. Stir with a whisk for about one minute. Add the bag of hash browns. Cook on stovetop for about 30 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Do not bring to boil.

“Talk about comfort food. This is it! Everyone that I have shared this recipe with loves it! It is easy to make and delicious.”

- ELAINE COXWORTH, LAWRENCEVILLE

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PRIZE  
PACKAGE



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**2018 ATHENS AREA HOME BUILDERS  
ASSOCIATION HOME & GARDEN FESTIVAL**

Pittard Park, Winterville, GA, Downtown Winterville  
706-543-5760 // [aahba.com](http://aahba.com)  
Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

*Comparison Shop* AT LOCAL HOME SHOWS

Planning to renovate or remodel your home? Take advantage of the one-stop shopping available at local home shows to learn about products you've been considering purchasing for your home.

The newly-expanded **21st Annual North Atlanta Home Show & Outdoor Living Expo** will take place at the Infinite Energy Center on February 9-11. Experts on everything from flooring and cookware to outdoor lighting and pianos will be at this year's home show in Duluth. Use the accompanying coupon to save on ticket prices.

We encourage our members to visit the 21st Annual North Atlanta Home Show & Outdoor Living Expo to discover decorating and energy saving ideas for your home – both inside and out. While you're there, don't forget to stop by the Jackson EMC booth where our representatives will be on hand to answer your energy-related questions and share information on our products and services.

The **2018 Athens Area Home and Garden Festival** will take place April 14, at Pittard Park in Winterville. The festival will feature home professional vendors, live music, food trucks, children's activities and a 5K. Admission is free.

**21ST ANNUAL NORTH ATLANTA  
HOME SHOW & OUTDOOR LIVING EXPO**

Infinite Energy Center, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway | Duluth, GA  
770-998-9800 | [atlantahomeshow.com](http://atlantahomeshow.com)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 11 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

General Admission: \$8

Military w/ID: BOGO

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Children 12 and under: FREE

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\$2 off 1 General Admission Ticket, not to be combined with any other offer

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