# PLUG IN

## **HOLIDAY CLOSURES:**

New Years Day Monday, January 2

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, January 16

## **BILL PAYMENT**

#### **KIOSKS**

Locations accepting credit cards, cash and checks:

HEB - 1609 N. Texas Ave.

HEB - 725 E. Villa Maria

**BTU Drive-Through -** 205 E. 28th St. Open 24 hours

Bring your BTU account number, BTU bill, keycard or reminder letter.

#### **OVER THE PHONE**

Payments can be made 24 hours a day via the "e-payment" option by calling 979.821.5700.

Account number and credit card required.

#### **ONLINE BILL PAY**

To register your account, view, and/or pay your bill online, visit:

btutilities.com

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**









#### btutilities.com

**Office:** 979.821.5700

**Primary Address:** 

205 E. 28th St., Bryan, TX 77803

**Mailing Address:** 

PO Box 8000, Bryan, TX 77805

APPLY TODAY!

YOUTH TOUR

# The When

Applications are currently being accepted through February 1, 2023.

The trip will take place June 11-19, 2023.

# The Why

The idea to send students to Washington D.C. came from President Lyndon B. Johnson, a Texan who advocated for rural electrification and youth development. In 1957, when he was still a U.S. senator, Johnson suggested "sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

This notion evolved in the 1960s into a nationwide effort to send young people on organized, fun and educational trips to the nation's capital. Today, electric utilities from nearly every state send more than 1,500 youths to Washington, D.C. each June. Since 1965, more than 50,000 students have toured the capital thanks to their local utilities.

Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU) is committed to powering and empowering the community we serve, and that means providing more than electricity. BTU also works to improve quality of life in the Brazos Valley, which includes investing in the area's young people. We are working to shape tomorrow's leaders by proudly sponsoring three local high school students to attend the Government-in-Action Youth Tour.

## The Where

Students from Texas meet up in our state capital, Austin, TX, for a couple of days of touring memorials and museums to learn about state history. Students then travel by chartered flight to Washington D.C. for a week of funfilled days touring attractions and historical sites.

## The Who

Three local high school students will be chosen as winners for the trip. To be eligible students must be a sophomore, junior, or senior in high school and either live in or attend school in the BTU service territory.

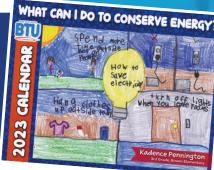
# All applicants must apply online at: btutilities.com/youthtour

Candidates will be judged on their responses to an essay question, their extracurricular activities, and academic and civic leadership.

Apply online today at btutilities.com/youthtour

# **2023 BTU KIDS CALENDAR**

We are pleased to present the 2023 BTU Kids Calendar! Thanks to the hard work of our local elementary school students, we have another fun, colorful, and educational calendar to share with our customers! To get your free copy, visit the BTU office at 205 E. 28th St. in Bryan. But hurry, they won't last long!





# WINTER Energy Tips

Make sure that your heated air is not escaping from your home through air leaks in the caulking or weather stripping around your windows or doors. Seal leaks to keep your heater from running more often than necessary.

Set the thermostat as low as comfortably possible while you are at home during the day, and even lower while you are sleeping or away from home. If you have a heat pump, avoid turning the thermostat up by more than two degrees at a time to prevent activating auxiliary heat strips that use a great deal of energy.

Insulation is the home's primary defense against heat loss. Make sure you have adequate insulation in your attic and exterior walls. If you add insulation, you may qualify for BTU's SmartHOME program. Visit **btutilities.com** for more information or to apply!



Utilize the sun's radiant heat by opening the drapes to let the sunlight warm your home. Make sure to close the drapes when the sun goes down to help keep the chill out.

# **CONSERVATION TIPS**

# **Energy Conservation Tip:**

Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning. Keeping the damper open is like keeping a window wide open during the winter; it allows warm air to go right up the chimney.





# **Water Conservation Tip:**

To help prevent water leaks due to ruptured water pipes in cold weather conditions, wrap outdoor pipes and spigots with insulation. Water expands as it gets close to freezing temperatures, causing increased pressure inside the pipe. Ruptures in the pipe can occur when the pressure becomes too high for the pipe to contain. Also, locate the main water shut-off valve and know how to use it.