

Minnesota Lineworkers Rodeo

September 15, 2026

This event offers all lineworkers an opportunity to step out of your comfort zone as you challenge yourself to complete three different events safely, accurately, and proficiently.

All events are individual. Any apprentice or journeyman lineworker can participate, whether you are from Minnesota or elsewhere.

Everyone who participates will receive a commemorative t-shirt and is invited to join us for our awards reception in the evening.

Recognition

The top three overall winners in the apprentice and journeyman categories will be awarded a trophy. Plus, for each individual event, plaques will be awarded to the top three apprentices and top three journeymen.

What to bring

Each competitor should bring the following:

- Hard hat
- Safety glasses
- Work gloves
- Work boots
- Handline
- Climbing gear with fall restraint
- Rain gear
- Minimum class 2 rubber gloves

Registration is free for members

This event is free to lineworkers whose utility/company is an MMUA member, however registration is required by August 20, 2026. No on-site registration. Non-member fee: \$30.

Advanced registration is required by August 20.



Schedule

Tuesday, September 15

9:00	Competitor check-in
9:45	Opening ceremony
10:00–1:00	Rodeo competition
11:00–12:00	Lunch
5:00	Awards ceremony

Note: Overhead School will start at 2:00 pm.

Location

MMUA Training Center
1004 Michigan Road
Marshall, MN 56258

2026 Lineworkers Rodeo details

Event 1: Hurtman Rescue

Mean time: 4 minutes

Drop dead time: 6 minutes

This event will be simulating the rescue of an injured worker. Construction will consist of an 8-foot wooden crossarm mounted on a 40-foot wood pole. Time starts at the judge's signal with the competitor standing at least an arm's length from pole in any direction. Note: the bag with the lineworker's belt, hooks, and rubber gloves will be lying on the ground at arm's length from pole. (Competitor may tool up bare handed.) Rubber gloves required before touching the pole.

Event 2: Rope toss

Mean time: 8 minutes

Drop dead time: 10 minutes

The competitor will throw a rope over an 8-foot fiberglass crossarm mounted at 24 feet above the ground on a 40-foot pole. The competitor must tie one end to a guy wire using a rolling bend knot. The guy wire is 20 feet long and one end is attached to an exiting anchor. The rope must be pulled tight and tied to another anchor using a bowline on a bight with two snub hitches. Rope will be provided and laid out at each event station. The specified knots are the only knots that will be accepted and can be found in the Lineman's and Cableman's Handbook.

Event 3: Single-phase equipotential grounding

Mean time: 6 minutes

Drop dead time: 9 minutes

The competitor will climb a 40-foot pole and install an equipotential ground on the single phase line. Competitors will have a 5-minute set up time to prepare for the event and ask any questions. Framing on this event will be single phase. There will be 6-foot spacing between the phase and neutral conductor. Competitors may load their material bag with the provided cluster bracket and grounds during the set-up time. Belt and hooks may be on prior to event time start. An 8-foot shotgun stick will already be hanging in a bag located at the neutral, with a simulated voltage tester attached to bottom of stick. A visible open-air gap has already been established. The competitor shall follow the equipotential grounding procedures per the APPA standards (APPA Safety manual, 17th edition, page 273, section 514.1 (i)). Time will stop when the competitor establishes an equipotential zone (EPZ) and signals to the judge they are complete.



Registration information

Registration is free for MMUA members

Non-member: \$30 per person

Advanced registration is required by August 20.

To register, visit mmua.org/events/mn-rodeo-2026

Hotel information

Marshall offers many hotel options, in addition to the hotels listed below. MMUA has arranged for discounted lodging at these hotels. Please call the hotel directly and ask for MMUA's reduced rate when making your reservation. We recommend making your reservation as soon as possible, as availability cannot be guaranteed.

AmericInn

1406 E Lyon St

Marshall

Phone 507-537-9424

EverSpring Inn & Suites

1500 E College Dr

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Phone 507-532-3221