

# TVPPA // YOUR RESOURCE FOR LEARNING & LEADERSHIP

# Connection

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## Support Line Brother's Keeper

[Register Today for the TVPPA Annual Golf Tournament](#)

Kick off your 2024 Annual Conference experience with a great day spent on the links. Join friends and colleagues from across the Valley for some friendly competition and the chance to support Line Brother's Keeper.

Recently founded by former Dickson Electric System lineman Zach Spicer, who was severely injured by an arc flash in 2017, and his wife Melinda, [Line Brother's Keeper](#) is devoted to helping injured linemen and their families find their "new normal" following workplace injuries by providing emotional, physical and financial assistance.

You can help support this organization and its mission by participating in this year's TVPPA golf tournament which will take place on Monday, May 20 at The Club at Savannah Harbor, Savannah's premier golf destination. Nestled along the river banks of the Georgia Low Country, the legendary course recently underwent a \$1.2 million greens renovation.

You can register for the tournament as part of your conference registration at [tvppa.com/conferences](https://tvppa.com/conferences). If you have already registered for the conference, and would like to add on the golf tournament, please email [Madison Gentry](mailto:Madison.Gentry). For specific partner requests, please email [Brad Rains](mailto:Brad.Rains).

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## Spring Into Learning with May, June Classes

### Both Business and Technical Classes Available

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TVPPA Education & Training invites you to register now for our upcoming learning opportunities in May and June.

Whether you're taking a deeper dive into one of our certificate programs or just want to advance your career by learning a new skill, now is the time to register for one of these valuable educational opportunities coming your way this spring:

### May

- **Distribution Systems, May 6-9, JEA, Jackson, Tenn.**
- **Protective Relaying Lab, May 13-17, Huntsville Utilities, Huntsville, Ala.**

### June

- **Communicating Effectively with Utility Customers, June 4-5, JEA, Jackson, Tenn.**
- **Fiber Construction Lab, June 10-14, JEA, Jackson, Tenn.**
- **Situational Threat Awareness, June 11, TMEPA, Brentwood, Tenn.**
- **Line Design & Staking, Certification Training, Level 2, June 11-13, JEA, Jackson, Tenn.**
- **Infrastructure Security, June 12-13, TMEPA, Brentwood, Tenn.**
- **ABCs of Electrical Systems, June 14, Northcentral EPA, Olive Branch, Miss.**

To register for any of these classes, click on the class of your choice on our [Training Calendar](#) and follow the links. If you have questions or need additional information, please email TVPPA Education & Training Specialist [Kaitlin Plaster](mailto:Kaitlin.Plaster).

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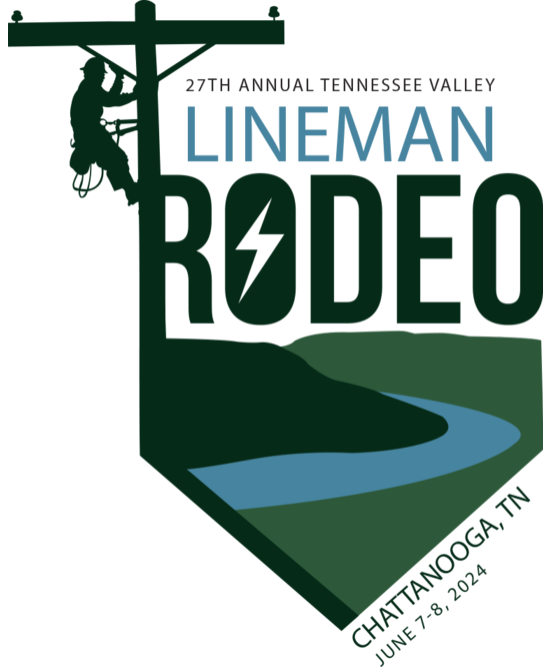
## Register for the 2024 Tennessee Valley Lineman Rodeo

### Sponsorships and Vendor Spots Still Available

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Are you ready? Have your lineup ready and [register now](#) for the 2024 Tennessee Valley Lineman Rodeo, hosted by EPB Chattanooga, **June 7-8, in Chattanooga, Tenn.**

The Tennessee Valley Lineman Rodeo turns 27 this year as lineworkers from around the Valley gather to compete and showcase the skills and techniques that are hallmarks of their industry.



The Rodeo includes competitions for apprentice lineworkers, journeymen, individuals and senior individuals (over 45 years old), and gives family and friends an opportunity to see their loved ones in action.

To compete in the competition, linemen must be employees of electric utilities that are:

1. Members (Regular or Affiliate) of TVPPA or Tennessee Job Training & Safety or TVA Employees; and
2. Within the seven states that comprise TVA's service area – Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia

## Sponsor and Vendor Opportunities Still Available

If you are an industry supplier and want to reach this audience, you can [find details here](#). Or if you have questions, feel free to reach out to TVPPA's Director, Education & Training [Caleb Hall](#).

## More Opportunities to Connect

Also, be sure to [register for the Tennessee Valley Lineman Rodeo Golf Tournament](#). The event will take place at the beautiful Moccasin Bend Golf Course on **June 6**.

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## Extra! Extra! Read All About It

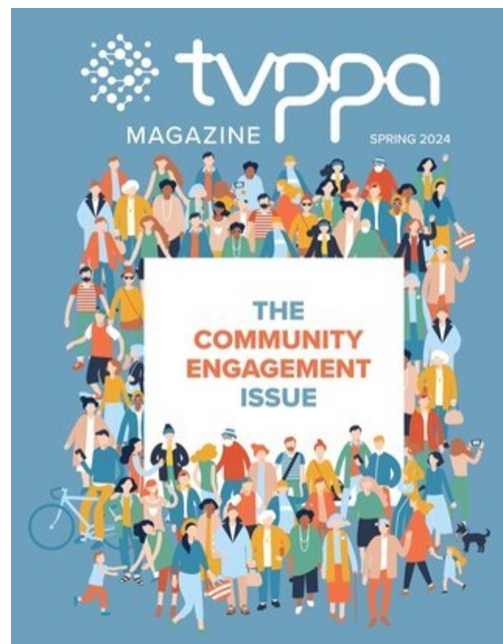
### *TVPPA Magazine* Delivers Member Stories from Around the Valley

The Spring Issue of [TVPPA Magazine](#) is in mailboxes now.

The Community Engagement Issue features stories illustrating the importance of building trust with your members and customers and we share [some of your fellow members discussing how they've achieved that goal](#).

In our [Big Ideas column](#), you'll learn about how Bristol Tennessee Essential Services uses their own TV channel, Power 7, to reach new customers and provide a unique service in their community.

We also have tips from one of our members and an expert from Pioneer Utility Resources to help you [turn your best customers into ambassadors](#) for your organization.



Read these and all our other great content [here](#). And, be sure to check out our new regular column [People Power](#), which will feature HR legal guidance from Miller & Martin's Stacie Carraway and Baker Donelson's Kim Vance.

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## Training Calendar

### May 6-10

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 1  
Fundamentals  
MTE  
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

### May 6-10

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 2  
Construction  
Huntsville Utilities  
Huntsville, Ala.

### May 6-10

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 1  
Fundamentals  
Greenfield Power & Light  
Greenfield, Ind.

### May 6-10

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 1  
Fundamentals  
Riviera Utilities  
Daphne, Ala.

### May 6-9

Distribution Systems  
JEA  
Jackson, Tenn.

### May 7-9

Digger Derrick Lab  
Kissimmee Utility Authority  
Kissimmee, Fla.

### May 8

Utility Accounts Classification & Principles  
Northcentral EPA  
Olive Branch, Miss.

### May 13-17

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 3  
Operations

### May 14-16

Digger Derrick Lab  
JEA  
Jackson, Tenn.

### May 14-15

Business & Strategic Issues  
TMEPA  
Brentwood, Tenn.

### May 14

Buddy-to-Boss  
TMEPA  
Brentwood, Tenn.

### May 15-16

Interpersonal Supervisory Skills  
TECA  
Nashville, Tenn.

### May 20-24

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 4  
Underground  
MTE  
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

### May 20-24

Lineman Apprenticeship, Lab 1  
Fundamentals  
East Mississippi Community College  
Mayhew, Miss.

### May 20-21

Critical Decision Making  
Dothan Utilities  
Dothan, Ala.

### May 21-23

Lineman Apprenticeship  
Final Exam  
Huntsville Utilities  
Huntsville, Ala.

Lafayette Utility Systems  
Lafayette, La.

**May 13-17**

Protective Relaying Lab  
Huntsville Utilities  
Huntsville, Ala.

**May 13-17**

Lineman Apprentice Program  
Book 2  
Dothan Utilities  
Dothan, Ala.

**May 21-23**

Digger Derrick Lab  
Princeton Training Center  
Princeton, Ky.

**May 21-23**

Line Design & Staking Certification  
Level 2  
CDE Lightband  
Clarksville, Tenn.

**May 21-23**

Advanced Lineworker Certificate Training  
Phase 1  
JEA  
Jackson, Tenn.

**May 22-23**

Critical Decision Making  
Dothan Utilities  
Dothan, Ala.

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