



The **35th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL LINEMAN'S RODEO** will be Saturday, October 13, 2018 in Bonner Springs, Kansas at the National Agriculture Center & Hall of Fame. Kansas City Power & Light and Westar Energy are the host utilities.

The **INTERNATIONAL LINEMAN'S RODEO EXPO '18** will be October 11-12. This year's exposition will be at the Overland Park Convention Center located at 6000 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS. It is the largest suburb of Kansas City.

The **2018 INTERNATIONAL LINEMAN'S RODEO SAFETY & TRAINING CONFERENCE** will be October 10-11 at the Overland Park Convention Center. This conference is **FREE** to all attendees and will host key industry speakers covering a range various safety and training topics. A registration form is enclosed in this packet. Sign up to attend this 1½ day conference and learn some valuable industry information.

The Lineman's Rodeo attracts the best lineman from around the world to compete in events based on traditional lineman tasks. The first Lineman's Rodeo was held in September 1984, with twelve participating teams from Kansas and Missouri. The Rodeo has grown now to over 200 teams and more than 300 apprentices that come to compete.

Hotels

Several hotels in the Overland Park area have been contracted for the event. Visit Overland Park is the official housing bureau for this year's event. Please contact Brian Spillman at 913-553-2872 to book a room or block of rooms.

Barbecue

On Friday night, October 12th, you are invited to attend a barbecue at the Overland Park Convention Center. The barbecue will feature trade night again this year. Barbecue tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 12 and under if purchased online by September 1, 2018. If you wish to purchase tickets after that date you may do so on-site at the Expo or at the door for \$35.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 12 and under. Refunds will not be made on pre-purchased tickets for this event after September 15, 2018. This policy is necessary to provide the caterers with an accurate headcount for food and beverages.

Banquet

On Saturday evening following the Rodeo, the awards banquet will be held at the Overland Park Convention Center. **Contestants and judges receive free admission to the Saturday night banquet.** Additional banquet tickets are available at \$35.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 12 and under if purchased online by September 1, 2018. If you wish to purchase tickets after that date you may do so on-site at the Expo or at the door for \$45.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 12 and under. Again, refunds will not be made on pre-purchased tickets for this event after September 15, 2018. Bus service will be provided to the Overland Park Convention Center from the Marriott and Embassy Suites.

Transportation

On the day of the Rodeo, buses will be available to transport people from all official Rodeo hotels to the Rodeo grounds and back. There will be limited parking at the grounds for those who furnish their own vehicles. We strongly encourage you to ride the buses. We will have several golf carts meeting the buses to unload tools and take them to your tents for you.

Registration

To make sure we have everything ready for you, please register online at www.linemansrodeokc.com no later than September 7, 2018. Even if your team members have not been chosen by September 7, please submit your entry form. We can add or change the names of participants up to September 28 after this date any changes you have will need to be handled onsite at registration. Credit card are accepted online for entry fees and meal ticket reservations. If you need to make a different payment arrangement please contact Kim Good at 913-967-1865.

Tents

Many utilities and locals rent tents for the convenience of their personnel. If you wish to rent a tent or plan to bring your own tent, please fill out the tent reservation form at the back of this packet. Tent locations on the grounds will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Pitching a tent without advance notice will not be allowed. If you want to fly a company flag at your tent, we recommend that you bring an extendo stick, attach it to a tent support, and fly your flag from it.

Visit Our Web site at www.linemansrodeokc.com

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Rodeo Grounds

The National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame will again be the location for the rodeo grounds this year. It is located near the interchange of I-70 and Kansas Rt. 7 at Bonner Springs. This site has provided us a permanent home for the Lineman's Rodeo competition field as well as other advantages. Transportation to and from the grounds will be provided.

- Open park like atmosphere
- Ample Parking
- Overnight parking for campers

In addition there are additional features for our families. The Agricultural Center provides:

- A train ride for children
- Hay rides
- Walking Nature Trails
- A replica of an historic Kansas town and shops to tour
- Complimentary or discounted tickets for the Museum
- Discounted tickets to the Renaissance Festival next door to the grounds.

Web Page

Don't forget to log onto the International Lineman's Rodeo web site, which contains up-to-date information for this year's rodeo. www.linemansrodeokc.com.

Register and Event Forms

Event forms and registration can be done online on the International Lineman's Rodeo web site at www.linemansrodeokc.com. If you are unable to register online please contact Kim Good at kim.good@informa.com or 913-967-1865.

2018 International Lineman Rodeo Agenda

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **International Lineman’s Rodeo Safety & Training Conference**
Overland Park Convention Center
9:00 a.m. Master & Chief Judges will set up rodeo grounds

Thursday, October 11, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **International Lineman’s Rodeo Safety & Training Conference**
Overland Park Convention Center
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **International Lineman Rodeo Expo 2018**
Overland Park Convention Center
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Master/Chief Judge’s Meeting**
Overland Park Sheraton

Friday, October 12, 2018

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **International Lineman Rodeo Expo 2018**
Overland Park Convention Center
9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Contestant’s Registration at Overland Park Convention Center.**
Team members and apprentices must pick up rodeo packets and sign releases.
All three team members must pick up their packet together.
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Judge’s Meetings**
(Master, Chief, Event Judges and assistants only).
Overland Park Sheraton
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Apprentice Testing**
Overland Park Convention Center, Courtyard Room 6
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Contestant’s Registration Open for Late Arrivals**
Overland Park Convention Center
6:00-10:00 p.m. **Barbecue and Trade Night**
Overland Park Convention Center
BBQ will be served 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 13, 2018

7:00 a.m. **Opening ceremony and instructions to participants**
7:30 a.m. **Rodeo competition begins**
7:00 p.m. **Awards Banquet Overland Park Convention Center**
7:00 p.m. **Banquet dinner served**
8:00 p.m. **Awards Presentation**

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Where do the linemen have to be employed?

Any operating utility and/or contractor

How much does it cost to enter?

The Rodeo costs \$400.00 per team and \$125 per apprentice for non-Rodeo Association members. This is a non-profit event with all fees used for the Rodeo.

Will any events be in aerial buckets? No

Will we have to sign a liability release? Yes

Who will the judges be?

Operating utility supervisors and past participants. We are asking that you volunteer (1) judge for every (3) participants that you send from your organization. We welcome judges from all participating utilities and locals. Please fill out and return the enclosed judges registration form.

How many teams can come from a utility or a utility division?

For the purpose of determining the number of teams for the multi-division utility, each division shall be considered a separate utility. Any utility can enter two teams regardless of the number of the journeyman. For a utility to enter more than two teams, the rule of thumb will be one team for 10 journeymen.

A first aid station and paramedic will be on the grounds.

Will there be bleachers for family members and spectators?

No. You may bring your own lawn chairs. There is no natural shade at the Rodeo grounds, and it may be warm in Kansas City in October.

A concession stand will be set up with soft drinks and food.

All participants should check-in on Friday, October 12th from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Overland Park Convention Center (all 3 team members must be present to sign waivers and receive packet).

Will video footage be allowed to settle judging disputes? No.

Do alternates get free admission to the banquet?

No. The standard admission of \$35.00 pre-paid or \$45 at the door applies.

Unloading tools and parking:

Parking will be available adjacent to the Rodeo grounds. If you need to unload equipment when arriving at the grounds, parking directors will direct you.

Can I bring or rent a tent to put on the grounds?

Yes. To rent a tent, fill out the tent reservation form included in this packet. If you wish to bring your own tent, you will still need to fill out the appropriate section of the Tent Form to get your tent needs taken care of appropriately. The grounds coordinator assigns tent locations. Pitching a tent without advance approval will not be allowed.

Who May Contest a Call?

The team or apprentice must be the one to protest a call. Help from spectators in a protest will result in the team or apprentice being disqualified. No team or apprentice will be allowed to protest another competitor.