



NEWSLETTER  
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# CALLING ALL THIRD-GRADERS:

You're invited to participate in the  
Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Submit an original poster supporting electrical safety to Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative by **April 30, 2024**, for a chance to win a **\$25 gift card!** The top three posters will be entered into the statewide poster contest for a chance to win one of three great prizes:

- 1st place – Chromebook**
- 2nd place – \$100 Gift Card**
- 3rd place – \$75 Gift Card**



Posters should be at least 8.5x11 inches, but no larger than 11x14 inches.

Entries must include completed entry form and student's name on the back of the poster.

Contact your local electric cooperative or go to [www.weca.coop](http://www.weca.coop) for registration forms.



### Safety Poster Contest

#### Registration and Rules Form

*By entering the contest, each contestant and/or parent/guardian agrees the submission is the artist's original work and consents to use of the artist's first and last name and artwork in publications, exhibits, displays, social media, and websites, as determined by the local electric cooperative and the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association. Original drawing/artwork will not be returned to the participant.*

Form **MUST** be filled out completely to be entered into the contest.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Electric Cooperative: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Rules:

- Free entry
- One entry per third grade student
- The poster must be themed around Electrical Safety
- No computer generated images will be accepted
- Poster should be at least 8.5x11-inches, but no larger than 11x14-inches
- Entries must include completed entry form (above)
- Student's name must be written on the back of the poster
- Entries must be submitted to your local electric cooperative no later than **April 30, 2024**



## OUR HEROES WEAR HARD HATS

**On Lineworker Appreciation Day, and every day, we salute the power behind your power**

In the cooperative world, we are celebrating Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 8 this year. It's a day to express our appreciation to the men and women who work so hard for us every day. They work all hours of the day, often in dangerous conditions away from their families, going above and beyond to restore power to our members. While we appreciate our lineworkers every day, we commemorate them every April to give them the recognition they deserve. Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative invites our members to take a moment to thank a lineworker for all the work that they do. If you use electricity, a lineworker has had an impact on your life. When the lights go out, so do they.

In 2024 we celebrate these work anniversaries of our linemen:

**Back Row, L to R:**

- Kyle Glaus** – 1 yr
- Tyler Jones** – 5 yrs
- Quentin Muska** – 3 yrs
- Eric Zurakowski** - 1 yr
- Trevin Jensen** – 3.5 yrs

**Front Row, L to R:**

- Kevin Scheidler, Line Superintendent** – 24 yrs
- Ben Modl** – 5 yrs
- Zach Sonnentag** – 4 yrs
- Ed Rosseter** – 6 yrs
- Chris Larson** – 10 yrs
- Greg Olmstead** – 5 yrs
- Dan Ferris** – 33 yrs
- Nic Alberson, Operations Manager** – 15 yrs

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## Training Stages for Electric Lineworkers

Known for their strength and agility, lineworkers are dedicated to ensuring our communities have reliable power. Safety is always top priority on the job, which is why lineworkers spend thousands of hours training as they advance their skills.

*Here's a look at the career progression of a lineworker.*

### Crew Leader

A crew leader is an advanced position that requires supervising lineworkers on job sites, coordinating with contractors and directing daily activities for crews.



### Journeyman Lineworker

Post-apprenticeship and with roughly 7,000+ hours of training under the belt, journeyman lineworkers are fully trained in their field. They repair, update and install overhead and underground power lines, as well as other electrical equipment.



### Apprentice Lineworker

Before reaching lineworker status, they are required to work as an apprentice. Apprentice lineworkers earn competitive wages while receiving hands-on training and experience in the field. They typically spend four years in their apprenticeship.



### Groundperson/Linehelper

Many lineworkers begin their career as a groundperson, or linehelper. They assist line crews with tools, keeping job sites safe and operating smaller equipment.



*Regardless of stage, all lineworkers continue education and training throughout their career. Training and testing requirements vary from utility to utility.*

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