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BPU to Host 2023 Public Power Lineworkers Rodeo *Event will bring nearly 300 competitors to Wyandotte County*

(KANSAS CITY, Kan.) – The American Public Power Association (APPA) has chosen the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) as the host for the 2023 Public Power Lineworkers Rodeo.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 1, in Bonner Springs, KS at the National Agricultural Center & Hall of Fame and is being called “The Showdown in the Sunflower State”.

On that day, hundreds of electric lineworkers will compete for professional recognition, attend training, and practice essential skills in a safe environment.

This free family-friendly event is open to the public, there will be food trucks and children’s activities available with an opening ceremony beginning at 7:30 am with the competition starting at 8:00 am and should be concluded by 3:00 pm.

Participants will climb power poles, install equipment and simulate the rescuing of injured workers in timed events.

The Public Power Lineworkers Rodeo is the foremost showcase of public power lineworker skill and knowledge - and a unique opportunity for lineworkers to connect with and learn from their nationwide community.



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The [American Public Power Association](#) is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. They represent public power before the federal government to protect the interests of the more than 49 million people that public power utilities serve, and the 96,000 people they employ. The association advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations. Its' members strengthen their communities by providing superior service, engaging citizens, and instilling pride in community-owned power.

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