

THE OUTLET

The Official Member Newsletter of CORE Electric Cooperative

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Celebrating the lineworkers of CORE

National Lineworker Appreciation Day is Thursday, April 18, when we express our appreciation to the teams that work every day to keep CORE's best-in-class system delivering safe, reliable power to our members.

CORE's aggressive system improvement and wildfire mitigation programs mean crews spend their days repairing or replacing electrical lines and components.

Crews are always prepared for outage response, everyday unexpected power interruptions, as well as outages due to emergency situations such as storms, high winds or other catastrophic events.

"I am proud to recognize our incredible lineworkers' dedication to our members and communities," said Pam Feuerstein, CORE Chief Operating Officer.

CORE's lineworkers consistently strive to improve their knowledge and skills to adapt to new standards, equipment, and technology and ensure their competence and safety. To showcase their skill and ability, lineworkers participate in line rodeos, putting their skills to the test and demonstrating their ability to react to unexpected situations.

Our members are invited to attend the upcoming Mile High Lineman's Rodeo, where lineworkers from across Colorado will show their stuff. Visit [CORE.coop/mile-high-linemans-rodeo](https://www.CORE.coop/mile-high-linemans-rodeo) for more information.

CORE Electric Cooperative is proud of our dedicated lineworkers who work tirelessly to provide our members The Energy to Thrive.



CORE lineworkers and staff attended the 2023 International Lineman's Rodeo in Overland Park, Kansas, this past October.

Outage preparedness tips

CORE continually upgrades infrastructure and performs system maintenance to mitigate outages. No grid operates completely unaffected by Mother Nature, though. Our crews respond and work as quickly as possible to restore power, but it is important that members be prepared for service interruptions that last longer than expected. Some tips:

- Keep an easily accessible “outage kit” that includes a battery-powered radio or TV, flashlights or headlamps, and fresh batteries. Add enough water, blankets and non-perishable food to supply your whole family.
- Turn faucets on slightly during an extended outage. The slow drip will help prevent water from freezing in the pipes.
- Purchase a generator if you cannot go more than a few hours without electricity. Generators vary in power, price and use. Most consumer-grade models can power a gas- or oil-fueled heating system, but not an electric heating system. A generator rated between 3,000 and 5,000 watts is typically sufficient to power most important household appliances — refrigerator, microwave, electric range. Be sure to follow the manufacturer’s safety guidelines, such as operating it outdoors and away from windows and doors.
- Visit www.CORE.coop > Outage Center on your smartphone and add (833) CORE-FIX (267-3349) to your contact list. Also ensure the contact information on your CORE account is up to date. Accurate contact info helps us better assess and monitor outages, and successfully notify you when we have an outage at your service location.
- Keep refrigerators and freezers closed to preserve cold food.
- Visit our social media channels for more timely and detailed info during large outages.

Drones, aircraft assist inspection, maintenance ops

CORE contractors regularly use aerial drones and other aircraft to inspect overhead lines and equipment, and complete wildfire mitigation work and other important reliability efforts throughout our 5,000-square-mile service area.

We typically notify members in the immediate area of drone or aerial work ahead of time via automated phone calls and/or emails. Contractor personnel performing drone work carry CORE credentials and are in contractor vehicles with CORE branding.

We appreciate your understanding as we work to improve our system and protect members and employees.

Contact 811 before digging

Planning to break ground on an outdoor project this summer? Contact Colorado 811 for a free utility locate that will help you avoid possible fines, service interruptions and bodily injuries.

Request a locate by visiting www.Colorado811.org or dialing 811 at least three business days before you do digging of any extent or depth.

Professional utility locators will use flags and paint to mark the locations of underground electric, gas, cable, phone and other lines within the designated area.

CORE to award education grants

CORE will award **\$2,000 grants to 35 graduating high school seniors** who plan to continue their education.

Five high school seniors from each of our seven director districts will be chosen at random via a lottery-type drawing at the May 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

Visit www.CORE.coop > My Community > CORE Commitments > Education Grants for more information and to apply. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Friday, May 10.

