



Missouri Valley Competes in the International Lineman's Rodeo

Four Missouri Valley apprentices spent hour after hour training for the time of their lives. They climbed poles. They practiced their first-aid skills. They read every page of the lineman's handbook. It all paid off in mid-October when they competed in the 31st annual International Lineman's Rodeo in Kansas City, where Local 1525 Missouri Valley apprentice Joe Peachy took first place in the speed climb and finished third overall in the two-day competition.

The International Lineman's Rodeo attracted the best linemen from around the world to compete in events based on traditional lineman tasks and skills. The first Lineman's Rodeo was held in September 1984, with 12 participating teams from Kansas and Missouri. Today, the rodeo has grown to over 200 teams and 250 apprentices.

According to Leigh Conducy, a Missouri Valley instructor in Minnesota, the International Lineman's Rodeo is always a sight to see. Leigh has been to several of these rodeos and was proud to take the Missouri Valley team to this year's event. The team competed in the written test, hurtman rescue, pole climb, CPR with AED competition and a mystery event. Leigh is also proud of the financial support and encouragement the team received from IBEW Local 160. "This is the first year the local has sent a team to the rodeo, and we were definitely proud to represent them as well as the apprenticeship program," comments Leigh.

The team's hard work and dedication was rewarded with the experience of a lifetime as well as plaques for Joe Peachy and recognition for the apprenticeship program.

More About The Missouri Valley Constructors Apprenticeship & Training Program:

The apprenticeship program based in Indianola, Iowa, is one of seven locations operated by the organization. The others are in the states of Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The Iowa program occupies a training facility, which includes an outdoor pole yard. The Iowa program trains thousands of apprentice linemen each year.

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