



GAFF-N-GO

LINEMAN'S & EQUIPMENT OPERATOR'S RODEO

2018 Gaff-n-Go Equipment Operator's Rodeo

Hosted by the Electric Cooperatives of Virginia, Maryland & Delaware

2018 Registration Packet

THE 2018 GAFF-N-GO EQUIPMENT OPERATOR'S RODEO SPONSORED BY TEREX IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RING POWER UTILITY EQUIPMENT will be held on Friday, May 11, 2018 at the Meadow Event Park (home of the Virginia State Fair) in Doswell, Virginia.

The Equipment Operator's Rodeo takes place on the same day as the Annual Gaff-n-Go Expo, featuring dozens of suppliers of products and services to linemen and equipment operators! The next day, Saturday, May 12, will feature the Annual Gaff-n-Go Lineman's Rodeo. It'll be an action-packed two days honoring line crew professionals! Today's lineman/equipment operator is a multi-talented professional working in a dangerous environment that requires consistent work practices and a constant focus on safety.

The **EQUIPMENT OPERATOR'S RODEO** brings you together with the latest tools, equipment, materials, and methods used in the electric industry. The focus will be on the safe operation and effective implementation of power equipment in the field of line construction.

The **EQUIPMENT OPERATOR'S RODEO** will provide you the opportunity to compete in a challenging environment demonstrating the skills that are required in your everyday work. Stay ahead of the pack, maintain your physical and mental skills, and keep abreast of the latest technology. Show the world a snapshot of what being a line worker/equipment operator in today's utility is all about!

Join us in the heart of central Virginia for the opportunity to meet and compete with "the best of the best." Bring the family and enjoy an action packed weekend!

The **EQUIPMENT OPERATOR'S RODEO** attracts the best line workers/equipment operators from the east coast to compete. A maximum of 25 teams from Cooperatives, Investor-Owned Utilities, Municipals and Contractors will fill out the competition.



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Equipment Operator's Rodeo – Registration Information

In order to ensure your name is included in the Rodeo Program, please have your entry form and fees returned by **April 6, 2018**. If you miss the April 6th cut-off, you may still be able to compete. We will accept check, VISA, or MasterCard, or American Express for entry fees.

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR'S RODEO registration check-in will be held at the Meadow Event Park in Doswell, Virginia, on Friday, May 11 from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. **Photo ID:** All participants must bring a photo ID with them to register. This identification will be needed at registration when you sign your release forms and pick up your packets.
2. **Association Release & Indemnification Agreement:** Please read the attached form in advance and be prepared to sign it when you register. **Bring this form with you when you register for the Rodeo.**
3. **Emergency Medical and Release Information Form:** Participants need to read and fill in the attached form and **bring it with you when you register for the Rodeo.**

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Bring this Form with you when you check-in at Registration. Do Not Mail This Form

Association Release & Indemnification Agreement

Instructions: Please do not sign this until you get to the Rodeo. You can bring this document with you, or a copy will be available for you at the event.

I, _____ (hereinafter "Participant") resident of _____ County/City in the State of _____, the undersigned, with the intent of binding myself, my spouse, and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns, have executed this Release & Indemnification Agreement as my own free act and deed.

Release: Participant, being of lawful age, has requested the opportunity to participate in the 2018 Gaff & Go Lineman's Rodeo and/or Equipment Operator's Rodeo (hereinafter "Lineman's Rodeo") to be located on the grounds of the Meadow Event Park in Doswell, Virginia on May 11 and 12, 2018. Participant, in consideration for being permitted to participate in one or more events at the Lineman's Rodeo, do for myself, my spouse, and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns, hereby release and forever discharge the Meadow Event Park and all sponsors, including the Gaff & Go Rodeo planning committee, County of Caroline, the VA, MD & DE Association of Electric Cooperatives (hereinafter the "Association") and its members, Dominion Virginia Power, associated vendors and volunteers, and their officers, directors, stockholders, shareholders, employees, agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and affiliates (hereinafter "Releasees") from any and every claim, demand, action or right of action, of whatever kind or nature, either in law or equity, arising from my participation in the Lineman's Rodeo, whether caused by negligence of Releasees or otherwise.

Medical Release and Authorization: Participant further releases Releasees, officials, other participants, and any professional person of any claim whatsoever on account of first aid treatment or services rendered at the Lineman's Rodeo. In the event that Participant is unable to consent to emergency medical treatment, the Participant authorizes and consents to emergency medical care to be given as the judgment of medical personnel dictate.

Assumption of Risks: Participant acknowledges and understands that participation in the Lineman's Rodeo is a dangerous activity and freely assumes all risks that may occur as a result of participation in the Lineman's Rodeo, such as bodily or personal injuries up to and including serious injury, disability or death, whether those risks are known specifically or not.

Disclaimer of Warranties: Participant hereby agrees and understands that Releasees have made neither representations nor warranties, express or implied, regarding safety or conditions at the Lineman's Rodeo. Participant also understands that the Meadow Event Park is not a sponsor of or participant in the Lineman's Rodeo and is merely leasing the ground to the other Releasees.

Indemnification Agreement: Participant, in consideration for being permitted to participate in one or more events at the Lineman's Rodeo, agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Association and other Releasees, from any loss, liability, damage or cost, including attorneys' fees and third-party claims, that any of them may incur due to Participant's participation in the Lineman's Rodeo or Participant's presence in the Meadow Event Park in Doswell, Virginia for any activities in connection with the Lineman's Rodeo, whether caused by negligence of the Releasees or otherwise.

Entire Agreement and Severability: This Release & Indemnification Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, except for the Release & Liability Limitation Agreement which is only between Participant and his or her employer. The terms of this agreement are contractual and not merely recitals. In the event that any part of this Release & Indemnification Agreement is deemed ineffective, all other parts of the Release & Indemnification Agreement shall remain valid and in full effect.

I have carefully read this document in its entirety and fully understand its contents. I am aware this is a release of liability and contract between me and the Releasees, and I sign it of my own free will.

Executed at the Meadow Event Park in Caroline County, Virginia on this _____ day of May, 2018.

Name (Please print)

Signature

ID CHECKED?

FOR THE ASSOCIATION: _____

CONFIDENTIAL

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Bring this Form with you when you check-in at Registration. Do Not Mail This Form

PARTICIPANT'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM AND RELEASE INFORMATION

Print Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Instructions: Please complete one form for each participant in the 2018 Gaff-n-Go Lineman's Rodeo and/or Equipment Operator's Rodeo (hereinafter "Lineman's Rodeo"), whether the participant is a lineman (apprentice or journeyman), an equipment operator, or a judge. **This form is required for anyone who is taking part in Lineman's Rodeo activities. Should a participant be injured or otherwise require emergency medical attention, emergency medical personnel need your basic medical information.** We ask that you also provide contact information for someone who can make health-care decisions on your behalf in an emergency. Please complete each section or check the relevant box. Attach additional pages or use the back if needed. This form will be used only for purposes related to the Lineman's Rodeo or in the event of an emergency. Assuming it is not needed, this form will be destroyed no later than three months after the Lineman's Rodeo has concluded.

Releases & Medical Authorization: Your employer, may, optionally, ask you to sign an additional release form prior to the Lineman's Rodeo on its own behalf. This may be done in advance. The "Association Release & Indemnification Agreement," a copy of which is enclosed with the registration materials for you to read and review, is to be signed at the event. As part of this required "Association Release," you authorize emergency medical treatment on your behalf, should you be unable to consent to such treatment, to be instituted without delay as the judgment of on-site medical personnel may dictate.

Medical Information: Please provide any basic medical history information that might be useful in a medical emergency, including (without limitation) any information about chronic conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, hypertension, or cardiac conditions. Check here if none to report →

Limitations: Please list any limitations on emergency medical treatment, such as religious restrictions on receiving blood or blood products. Check here if no limits on treatment →

Current Drugs: Current medications you are taking, and why? **Please list here and bring with you to the Lineman's Rodeo any emergency medications, such as an asthma inhaler or an EpiPen for allergic reactions.** Check here if not currently taking any medications →

Allergies: Any drug, food, plant, or insect bite allergies? Check here if none to report:

Emergency Contacts:

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Second Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

I certify that this information is true and correct.

Signature

Date



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Gaff-n-Go Equipment Operator's Rodeo **Important Information**

Teams

A team consists of three participants in any combination of equipment operators, apprentices, and journeymen. First, second and third-place winners will receive prizes and awards at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, May 12.

All teams members must be sponsored and employed by a cooperative/muni/investor-owned utility/contractor and covered by their employer's workers' compensation insurance.

Judges

The EQUIPMENT OPERATOR'S RODEO continues to grow, so we are asking for your help in judging. If you are or ever were a qualified practicing, working lineman/equipment operator, you are eligible to be a judge. **When you volunteer to be a judge, it is important to attend the Judges Meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, May 11, before the rodeo.** In this meeting, each event is reviewed and final instructions are given so that our judging can be fair and consistent.

The teams in the rodeo have spent many hours preparing to compete and deserve dedicated judges interested in fair and consistent judging. Please review the list of items below to see what is expected and needed to participate as a judge.

- Prior experience in the Electrical Trade
- Attend the Judges Meeting on Friday
- Wear Hard Hats
- Wear Long Pants
- Wear Hard Sole Shoes
- Inclement Weather Gear is not required; however, it is a good idea to be prepared as the rodeo goes on, rain or shine.

Judges will receive a complimentary lunch on Friday and a ticket for the awards banquet on Saturday evening where they will receive recognition for their contribution.

We need and welcome judges from all participating utilities and companies. Please use the Judges Registration Form to volunteer for judging. Thank you for your support!!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Where do the linemen/equipment operators have to be employed?

Any operating utility and/or contractor. **The linemen/equipment operators must be sponsored by their employer and covered by workers' compensation insurance.**

Will any events use aerial buckets?

Yes.

Will we have to sign a liability release?

Yes.



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Will there be a First Aid Station and/or a Paramedic at the Rodeo?

Yes. There will be two EMS units on site.

Will there be seating for family members and spectators?

You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs since seating is limited at the rodeo site. There is little to no natural shade at the Meadow Event Park. Utilities are also invited to bring team tents.

Will there be soft drinks and food to purchase at the Rodeo?

Concession stands will be selling soft drinks and food.

Where do participants check in?

All participants should check in on **Friday, May 11, from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.** at the Farm Bureau building in front of the festival loop. (All three team members must be present to sign waivers and receive rodeo packet.)

Will video footage be allowed to settle judging disputes?

No.

Do alternates get free admission to the awards banquet?

No. The standard admission pre-purchase applies.

Is parking available to unload tools and equipment?

Parking is available at the Meadow Event Park. You should arrive by 10 A.M. on Friday, May 11, to unload equipment and tools.

Who may protest a call?

The team must be the one to protest a call. Involvement by spectators in a protest may result in the team being disqualified. No team will be allowed to protest another competitor.

SCORING

Scoring will be judged for:

- Safety
- Work practice
- Neatness and ability
- Equipment handling
- Timely completion of the event

Time will be used only to break a tie.

Total number of events for each team: 4



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The events must be completed in the order shown on your schedule. Each event must be marked complete by an event judge before you can start the next event.

The winning team will be determined by the total number of deductions. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the total time to complete all events. Bonus points will not be added for winning or placing in an event.

Scoring Verification

Teams are encouraged to verify the scores that are input into the scoring system. The results will be available at the registration building after a team completes all their required events. The final score and team standings will not be available at the Rodeo Event. All final scores and event standings will be posted on the www.gaff-n-go.com homepage by Monday, May 14th.

Tools

All contestants need to bring their own hard hat, safety glasses, cotton or flame-retardant long-sleeved shirt and leather work gloves.

Each event is worth a total of 100 points. All safety rules are to be observed during the events. See the following list for point deductions:

Infractions – 2 Point Deduction

- Late for event
- Lose hardhat
- Wearing hardhat backwards
- Not wearing safety glasses
- Improper cover-up – i.e. No rubber on reach, fall or slip
- Dropping tools
- Cutouts, burnouts, or slips
- Operation of hand line while team is climbing
- Misuse of tools
- Misuse of rubber
- Failure of Groundman to wear work gloves
- Twisted hand line operation
- Not wearing OSHA approved lineman belt or harness
- Poor housekeeping
- Exceeding the mean time to complete an event, except for hurt man rescue and pole climb. The mean time will be given for all mystery events.
- Failure to wear long sleeved shirts. If shirt has buttons on the sleeves, they must be buttoned, not pushed or rolled up.
- Exposed blade on skinning knife



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- Safety strap not being under control. Both snaps of the safety strap must be hooked in a ‘D’ ring while climbing the pole. The safety strap may be carried on the shoulder, but if it should slide off the shoulder, the contestant will receive a 2-point deduction.
- Hanging tools on phase conductors, neutrals, cross arms or safety straps

INFRACTIONS – 10 Point Deduction

- Accidental contact with phases
- Working opposite phases at the same time
- Not using hand line or bucket for sending material up or down pole

Disqualification

- Unprofessional behavior
- Practicing on the Rodeo field prior to the Rodeo
- Intentional sabotage or tampering with materials, tools or equipment on the Rodeo field
- Unapproved use of alternates or changing status of team members during the events. See Master Judge for approved use of alternates or changes in team status during Rodeo
- Protests made by someone other than contestants
- Modifying rubber gloves in any way

Participant Pricing

Participants in the Gaff-n-Go Lineman’s Rodeo do not pay an additional fee to take part in the Equipment Operator’s Rodeo.

	<u>Early Bird by 3/2</u>	<u>Regular By 4/6</u>	<u>Late Entries By 4/27</u>
VA, MD, DE Member Co-ops:	\$460	\$500	\$550
All Other Co-ops:	\$485	\$525	\$575
All Other Utilities:	\$510	\$550	\$600



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TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

May 11, 2018

PLEASE PRINT

Team Member #1:

Name _____ Title _____ Phone () _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Team Member #2:

Name _____ Title _____ Phone () _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Team Member #3:

Name _____ Title _____ Phone () _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Employer: _____ Location _____
Contact Person for Rodeo Team _____ Phone () _____
Contact Person's Address: _____
Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-mail Address: _____

(All Rodeo Information will be sent to the contact person unless otherwise requested.)

PLEASE REVIEW PREVIOUS PAGE FOR PRICING

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: VMDAEC

Please mail completed forms and payment to:
You can fax your forms to: (804)-346-3448
For Information: (804)-968-4091

GAFF-n-GO RODEO
4201 Dominion Blvd, Suite 101
Glen Allen, VA 23060
Attn: John McBennett

Payment Information:

VMDAEC now takes credit cards through PayPal! Click the Link: → www.paypal.me/vmdaec

Total Charge: \$ _____
Check #: _____
Credit Card - circle one: VISA M/C AMEX Card Number _____
Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____
Name & Address Credit Card is billed to: _____
Name _____
Street Address (No P. O. Box) _____
City, State and Zip _____

(NO REFUNDS)

I understand that all hooks, belts, and hand tools furnished by me will be in a safe operating condition. I have also read all rules outlined in the **GAFF-n-GO LINEMAN'S RODEO** Packet. I am employed by the entity sponsoring me, and I am covered by my employer's workers' compensation insurance.

SIGNATURE _____ #1 Shirt Size _____
_____ #2 Shirt Size _____
_____ #3 Shirt Size _____



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**2018 RODEO COMPETITION JUDGE'S FORM
MAY 11-12, 2018**

Name _____

Cooperative or Company _____

E-mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

___ I have ___ I have not been a judge at a previous VMDAEC Gaff-n-Go Lineman's Rodeo

If you have judged at a previous rodeo, tell us which events you judged:

___ I am available to judge on **FRIDAY, MAY 11TH** between the hours of – 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

___ I am available to judge on **SATURDAY, May 12th** between the hours of – 7:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

As a volunteer judge, VMDAEC will provide you with:

- A judge's shirt to be worn on Saturday
Shirt Size: _____
- Lunch Friday – there will be a ticket in your judges' packet to be used at the concession stand
 Yes, I will attend No, I won't attend
- BBQ dinner for Judges on Friday night
 Yes, I will attend Yes, I will have a guest with me No, I won't attend
- Box lunch on Saturday
 Yes, I want a box lunch No, I don't want a box lunch
- 1 Ticket to the Awards Banquet Saturday night
 Yes, I will attend No, I won't attend

Please Note: If you would like to purchase an additional ticket to the Awards Banquet for a guest, please use the Awards Banquet Ticket order form on the Gaff-n-Go website.



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2018 GAFF-n-GO LINEMAN'S RODEO / EQUIPMENT OPERATOR'S RODEO BANQUET TICKET ORDER FORM

Date / Time: Saturday, May 12th ♦ 5:30 P.M.
Location: Hilton Hotel & Spa, Short Pump, VA
Price:

Date:	By 3/2	By 4/27	At Event*
Adult:	\$30/each	\$40/each	\$50/each
Child: (ages 3-12)	\$15/each	\$20/each	\$25/each

(Children under 3 are free, but must be registered for seating purposes)

Ticket Pick-up: At the Meadow Event Park ♦ Friday, May 11th and Saturday, May 12th
At Hilton Hotel & Spa ♦ Saturday, May 12th beginning at 4:30 P.M.

*** If not already sold out.**

- ♦ All registered participants and judges receive one banquet ticket.
- ♦ Additional tickets are available for non-participants who may wish to attend - prices listed above.
- ♦ For additional banquet information or questions, contact:
Robin Byrd Wilfong ♦ (804) 968-4079 ♦ rbyrd@vmdaec.com

STEP 1: ORDER INFORMATION – SEE PRICING ABOVE

___ Adult tickets (ages 12 and older) @ \$ _____

___ Children's tickets (ages 3 – 11) @ \$ _____

___ Children under 3 are free, but must be registered for seating purposes

STEP 2: PAYMENT INFORMATION

♦ Pay by credit card through PayPal: www.paypal.me/vmdaec

or

♦ Check Attached (Make payable to: VMDAEC)

\$ _____ Total Amount

STEP 3: ADDITIONAL BANQUET TICKET ORDER INFORMATION

- ♦ Fill-in contact information
- ♦ Complete form with names of individuals for whom you are purchasing tickets.

Mail your ticket order to:
VMDAEC
4201 Dominion Blvd, Suite 101
Glen Allen, VA 23060
Attention: Gaff-n-Go Rodeo

or

Fax your ticket order to:
804/346-3448
Attention: Gaff-n-Go Rodeo

ADDITIONAL BANQUET TICKET ORDER INFORMATION

Contact Name: _____ Co-op or Company: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

- ◆ Please complete this form with the names of the individuals for whom you are purchasing tickets and attach it to your ticket order form.
- ◆ Ticket Pick-up: At the Meadow Event Park ◆ Friday, May 11th & Saturday, May 12th
At Hilton Hotel & Spa ◆ Saturday, May 12th beginning at 4:30 P.M.
Each ticket will be numbered with the name of the individual for whom it was purchased written on it.
- ◆ Please advise those individuals of this process.

Additional Adult Tickets (12 and older)	Additional children's tickets (Ages 3-11)
NAME	NAME
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.
9.	9.
10.	10.
11.	11.
12.	12.
13.	13.
14.	14.
15.	15.
16.	Children Under the age of 3 let us know if you need a high chair
17.	NAME
18.	1.
19.	2.
20.	3.
21.	4.
22.	5.
23.	6.
24.	7.
25.	8.
26.	9.
27.	10.
28.	11.
29.	12.
30.	13.

Sample Ticket



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AWARDS BANQUET TICKET

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