

Girl POWER

A day camp centered around line work

Connecting more women with the energy industry has been a popular trend over the past few years. One particular area of focus is centered around line work. While we continue to see more women take on roles in the field, attracting them to the responsibilities and teamwork of a line crew remains a challenge.

On Sept. 22, the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives will host a one-day energy career experience for high school girls interested or curious about working on a line crew, in a substation or with advanced metering technology. The VMDAEC Training Center instructors will lead students through various activities in the classroom and outdoors at the Association's training facility in Palmyra, Va. A variety of associate members and vendors, including Southside Virginia Community College, which operates a school for would-be lineworkers, are also scheduled to be on site to enhance the experience.

Campers will learn about electrical safety on the job, including how to safely climb a utility pole and operate a bucket truck.

Interested? Contact us at jrobertson@vmdaec.com with your name, age, high school, electric cooperative (not required) and a paragraph or so explaining why you are interested in attending. While there is no fee to attend, campers may be responsible for transportation and/or lodging.

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