

## Shane Kline Joins Sullivan County REC Line Crew



*Shane Kline, recently hired lineman at Sullivan County REC, practices pole top rescue at lineman training school.*

Sullivan County Rural Electric Cooperative (SCREC) is proud to announce that Shane Kline, of Benton, has been hired as an apprentice lineman.

Shane started his SCREC career on February 19, 2024. “I have friends who are linemen, and they recommended the career. It’s great job security... people are always going to need electricity!” he added.

Shane is a 2023 graduate of Elite Lineman Training Institute in Tunnel Hill, Georgia. The program puts linemen through pole climbing sessions, building mock three phase line, hanging transformers, and students graduate with their CDL license. “Everything is done by climbing, we didn’t use bucket trucks at all,” he commented. Which, to his benefit, will come in handy throughout the co-op’s rocky, mountainous territory. More often than not bucket trucks can’t get to the locations linemen need to work.

In his free time Shane likes to work on his 2003 Powerstroke, ride his snow mobile, and go antiquing. He enjoys trips to the White Mountains in New Hampshire with his family, too.

“Becoming a lineman takes years of bookwork and on the job training,” SCREC Manager of Electric Operations Todd Molyneux commented. “Shane is off to a great start with the education that he received at lineman’s school, his previous work experience climbing poles and stringing cable, his willingness to learn, and his work ethic. I believe that Shane will become a very good lineman and be a great asset to Sullivan County Rural Electric Cooperative and the members that we serve.”

“I’m looking forward to helping the linemen during outages,” Shane said. And the linemen will certainly appreciate the help! Please join the employees and directors of SCREC as they welcome Shane to the cooperative family.