

# Forestry School



The 2021 AIEC Forestry School training was held at the Wayne Fitzgerald State Park near Rend Lake, where SIEC Right-of-Way Foreman Blayne Holshouser has been an instructor for the past 10 years. Throughout the course of this training, Blayne instructed 75 students, who come from backgrounds like lineworker, line-clearance crews, and even county and state park employees. This is a very hands-on training for the students and allows them to learn and ask questions while an instructor is there to answer and give insight with years of experience to back it up. Topics of the training included storm restoration, basic climbing, advanced climbing, advanced rigging, as well as knotting and felling trees. Blayne has more than 33 years of experience in forestry work and is a valuable resource to AIEC's Forestry School. We are proud of the work he does instructing his students, while prioritizing their safety; just as he's been dedicated to the safety and success of our forestry crew, and Right-of-Way program here at Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative.

***Great job, Blayne!***



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