

2025 Underground School

Date, Time and Location:

April 1-3 2025 • The meeting will begin at Central Electric Cooperative in Mitchell, S.D. at 1 p.m. on April 1, with registration beginning at 11 a.m. Days 2 and 3 will be held at Mitchell Technical College. The workshop concludes on April 3.

Location:

Day 1 - Central Electric Cooperative
Day 2 & 3 - Mitchell Technical College

Room Reservations:

Contact the Comfort Inn and Suites directly by calling 605-990-2400 and asking for the SDREA Underground School room block. Room rate is \$114 plus tax. **Cut-off date is March 18.**

Registration:

Register online at:
<https://www.sdrea.coop/>

Additional Information:

This year's URD school will be a hands-on training. We ask that you show up ready to work with hard hats, safety glasses, leather gloves and URD tools.

This course is part of the SDREA Education Package B.

If you did not purchase Package B, then the fee is \$650 plus tax per participant.



TUESDAY, APRIL 1

- 11 a.m. **Registration at Central Electric Cooperative**
- 12 p.m. **Lunch (not provided)**
- 1 p.m. **Opening comments**
- 1:15 p.m. **Group A - Phasing Sticks** - Mike Cotner, M. W. Bevins Co.
Group B - Cable Prep - Jim Stephens – 3M
- 3 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 p.m. **Group A - Cable Prep** - Jim Stephens – 3M
Group B - Phasing Sticks - Mike Cotner, M. W. Bevins Co.
- 5 p.m. **End**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

- 8 a.m. **Competent Person Training for Trenching and Shoring** - Roger Solberg
Roger is a former instructor at Northwest Iowa Community College. Roger will be teaching an in-depth look at Trenching and Shoring.
- Noon **Lunch (Provided)**
- 1 p.m. **Pre-use inspection of equipment used for underground work** - Roger Solberg
Preventive maintenance on equipment is vital for the performance of the equipment. Pre-use inspections can prevent unwanted breakdowns and lost production. Roger will be covering how equipment should be inspected and why.
- 5 p.m. **End of day**

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

- 8 a.m. **Theory of Locating** - Kyle Hauck - Locator and Supplies
- 10 a.m. **Using maps to Isolate URD Outages and Safety Practices of URD Work.**