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Solar Fest To Have Over 90 Exhibitors Displaying Solar Arrays, Electric cars, Hamster Balls and More!

Fun family event will be a one-stop location for everything related to "going solar," energy rebates, tax credits, solar financing, and green job training

San Antonio, TX, May 6, 2011 - Solar San Antonio invites the community to our annual Solar Fest tomorrow, Saturday, May 7, 2011 to learn about sustainable energy options here in town. At Solar Fest visitors can meet over 90 exhibitors, get answers to their questions about solar energy, and find out how they can install solar on their home or business.

Whether you are looking for information on solar financing, current CPS Energy and Federal rebates, energy efficient home improvements, or energy star appliances, Solar Fest is your one-stop resource center. Solar Fest will have a wide range of exhibitors including solar and renewable energy companies, green home builders, sustainable home products, hybrid and electric vehicles, and a free tree giveaway. The event is free and all ages are welcome.

New additions to Solar Fest 2011 include:

ELOO - A solar powered, waterless, dry sanitation toilet system

Information from local banks on new solar home improvement lending options

Electric vehicles including a Chevy Volt and an Audi A3 Clean Diesel "2010 Green Car of the Year"

Multiple hands-on solar demonstration units

A solar powered air conditioning unit

Information on green job training programs from St. Phillips College and the Alamo Colleges

As a 100% renewably powered event, every festival component will be harnessing electricity from solar power and soy based bio-diesel fuels. Bicycle parking will be available, attendees are encouraged to carpool or use public transportation, and downtown residents are encouraged to use the City's new bike sharing program, B-Cycle. A B-Cycle parking station is located at the San Antonio Museum of Art, one block away from Solar Fest. Because of Solar Fest's exceptional "green" practices, the festival was awarded the "Verde" event certification by the City of San Antonio (the highest event certification possible).

Runners can begin their day at Solar Fest with the "Run on the Sun" 5K at 8:00 a.m. A solar powered buggy from The Alamo City Electric Auto Association will lead participants from the Solar Fest grounds to Texas' largest commercial rooftop installation the Pearl Brewery, and back to the festival. The race course is stroller, wheelchair, and pet friendly. Children are welcome to participate. More information on the race, and registration forms are online at <http://solarfestsa.com/5k-runwalk/team-registration/> . All race proceeds benefit Solar San Antonio.

The fun will continue until 4 p.m. with live bands performing on a solar powered stage provided by Sustainable Waves. Children can enjoy a separate music and performance stage by Radio Disney as well as hands-on science activities, games, a dunk tank, and giant hamster balls and 24-foot rock climbing wall provided by Games2U.

Solar Fest will be held at Maverick Park, 1000 Broadway, located at Broadway and 10th Street. The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. and admission is free! For more information please visit www.solarfestsanantonio.com or call our offices at (210) 22-SOLAR. To follow Solar Fest updates on Twitter, follow the hashtag #SolarFest.

Free festival t-shirts will be given to attendees who “check-in” to Solar Fest via smartphone geolocation applications: Facebook, Foursquare, Yelp, or Gowalla.

About Solar San Antonio:

Solar San Antonio is a non-profit 501(c)(3) advocacy and resource center for renewable and sustainable energy applications. Utilizing community education and outreach, we strive to decrease energy costs and improve the quality of life in San Antonio and South Texas. We actively encourage the widespread use of solar and other renewable and sustainable energy sources, informing the community about benefits to the regional economy, environment and human health, as well as supporting public policies that advance this possibility

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