

Learn about Renewable Energy – Free scholarships available!

The 2009 Colorado Renewable Energy Conference will be held August 28-30th at the Colorado School of Mines campus in Golden. The theme of this year's Conference is "Clean Energy: Pathways to a Low Carbon Footprint," and will feature many leaders of Colorado's New Energy Economy.

The Conference starts on Friday, August 28, with guided tours of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). Tours run from either 10:00 – 11:30 AM, or 1:30 – 3:00 PM, and they are filling up quickly. This will also be one of the public's last chances to tour NREL as the lab devotes more resources to its core mission.

The main day of the Conference is Saturday, August 29. Presentation tracks in Communities, Utilities, and Carbon Sequestration will feature speakers from NREL, the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, Governor's Energy Office, the state's most prominent new energy companies, Golden Mayor Jacob Smith, and more. The Keynote Session on Saturday morning (August 29) is free & open to the public, and will feature Dr. Eric Barron of the National Center for Atmospheric Research discussing "Climate – State of the Science." KMGH TV-7 Meteorologist Mike Nelson will discuss "Wild Weather in the West" at the Conference Dinner on Saturday night.

The City of Golden Community Sustainability Advisory Board (CSAB) is pleased to be a sponsor of this Conference, and is offering ten scholarships to Golden residents who want to attend the Smart Energy Living Consumer workshops on Sunday, August 30th. These workshops last 1.5 hours each, and run between 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

Choose from one of the following workshop topics in each time slot:

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Emerging Green Technologies

or

Water Conservation In & Around Your Home

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Retrofit Energy Efficient Homes

or

Solar Photovoltaic & Solar Thermal Basics

1:15 – 2:45 PM

Wind Energy & Geothermal Energy

or

Do it Yourself Home Energy Auditing & Improvements

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Careers in Green Jobs

or

Zero Energy Homes

Whether you register for the full weekend, tour NREL, attend a Smart Energy Living Consumer workshop, or peruse the Exhibit Hall (FREE and open to the public) showcasing the latest & greatest energy technologies, the Colorado Renewable Energy Conference has something for everyone.

Scholarships for the Smart Energy Living Consumer workshops will be offered on a first come, first serve basis to City of Golden residents. Please contact Theresa Worsham, City of Golden sustainability coordinator at (303) 384-8117, or register for the conference at www.cres-energy.org/conference.





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