

Press Release

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New Mexico Solar Energy Association ([NMSEA](#))

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Free Solar Energy & Electric Vehicle Exhibition June 24th at UNM

Solar energy workshops, exhibits, EV Show, and activities for kids

Albuquerque - June 1 2022 - All members of the public are invited to [Solar Fiesta 2022](#) and EV Show, a free event, with free parking, organized by the New Mexico Solar Energy Association (NMSEA), in the Cornell Mall area of the University of New Mexico (UNM) campus by the Student Union Building on **June 24, from 9 am - 3 pm**. Free parking in “R/E” lots at the Southeast corner of UNM off Central Ave NE and Girard Blvd NE.

This family-oriented event, which occurs in partnership with the American Solar Energy Society (ASES) national, week-long [Solar 2022 Conference](#) at UNM, will feature scores of exhibits and a free comprehensive “Solar Energy 101” workshop - see description below as well as hands-on activities for kids with Explora! and other groups. Kids can participate in a live taping of a special episode of the world renown “The Children’s Hour” with Katie Stone.

Representatives from a wide variety of solar companies, educators, researchers & nonprofits will be on hand to answer questions regarding installing solar on homes or businesses, EV chargers and batteries, grid modernization, and future proofing for climate change. A giant solar oven will be on hand with the “Solar Chef” to discuss how to cook with solar, and examples of other solar cookers from a Minnesota museum will be on display.

The EV Show, organized by 350 New Mexico, will feature more than 10 cars & trucks and the opportunity to chat directly with their owners. There will also be NMSEA’s new version of its “SunChaser,” a solar educational trailer built by the ACE Leadership High School students and designed by NM Tech students, along with UNM’s “Solar Splash” solar-powered boat and electric race cars and their student teams. Albuquerque city’s sustainability experts will show off their new Electric Bus and talk about EV and energy plans for the city.

Participants in the “Solar Energy 101” workshop, which takes place in the UNM Student Building from 1pm-3pm, will be treated to a fascinating overview and discussion of photovoltaics, solar thermal, and passive solar & adobe architecture, presented by three of New Mexico’s most experienced practitioners, Marlene Brown, Mark Chalom and Quentin Wilson.

Our solar sponsors and partners include UNM, Bernalillo County, City of Albuquerque, ACE Leadership High School, Explora!, Positive Energy Solar, Solluna Solar, PCC Solar, NM EPSCOR, Imagine City, We Care Solar, PNM, Sandia National Labs, OE Solar, Affordable Solar, Luz Solar, NM Solar Group, Quelab, The Big Blue Sky Museum of Solar Cooking & the Earth Builders Guild so don’t miss out. Join us for fun in the Sun and help transition NM to a clean energy future!

The New Mexico Solar Energy Association (NMSEA) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the environment by furthering the use of clean, renewable energy and electric transportation. NMSEA is in fact the oldest existing solar energy association in the United States, and has played a major role in the development of solar energy in the

United States over its long and storied history. The organization is a state chapter of the American Solar Energy Association (ASES), and was historically the first state chapter of ASES. The ASES Solar 2022 Conference is also the first annual ASES Conference in New Mexico since NMSEA hosted the 1998 ASES Conference. The return of ASES to New Mexico is a major event for NMSEA, and coincides fortuitously with NMSEA's 50th Anniversary.

Calendar:

Title: NMSEA Solar Fiesta 2022

Description: Solar energy exhibits & workshops, EV show, for kids and adults.

Sponsor: New Mexico Solar Energy Association

Date: Friday, June 24th

Time: 9 am - 3 pm (EV show ends at 1:30 pm)

Location: Cornell Mall area of the UNM Campus in front of the Student Union Building

Free Parking: Lot "R/E" lot in SouthEast part of UNM off Central Ave NE & Girard Blvd SE.

Cost: Free

Special Events:

9am-1:30pm: the Electric Car and Truck Show (Electric Bus too)

NOON hour: A live recording of the Children's Hour Kid's Public Radio - Live Music!

1 - 3 PM: Solar 101: a free class to learn about passive and active solar

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**New Mexico Solar Energy Association
Solar Fiesta & EV Show**

- Free family fiesta! Free parking!
- Friday, June 24 9:00 am - 3:00 pm EVs until 1:30
- Solar 101 workshop with 3 solar experts 1pm
- Music, kids hands-on activities and solar cooking!
- SunChaser & UNM solar boat & electric race car

Ask about:
Solar, batteries, EV chargers; solar buildings; electric cars/trucks from people who own them; how to become an installer. What's a smart grid? Net metering? Community solar? Heat pump? Is hydrogen hype? Can I cook with solar? Live prerecording of the Children's Hour at noon!
nmsolar.org/fiesta-2022

Get on the ABQ electric bus!

Vendors include:

- NM SOLAR GROUP
- LE SOLAR
- Lobo ENERGY
- affordable solar
- Positive Energy SOLAR
- PPCSOLAR ENERGY STORAGE & EV CHARGING
- LUZ Energy Corp
- UNIRAC
- REIAONM
- sollunasolar
- ARRAY TECHNOLOGIES
- CNM Inqenuity, Inc.
- AMERICAN SOLAR ENERGY SOCIETY
- ACE LEADERSHIP HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING FOR SUCCESS
- SANDEIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES
- THE BIG BLUE SUN MUSEUM OF SOLAR COOKING
- ONE ALBUQUERQUE environmental health
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- WE CARE SOLAR
- THE CHILDREN'S HOUR
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