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## What do you get when you cross hot air, wild things, corn, and a yurt?

### The 2007 Piedmont Alternative Energy Expo

*Not to mention lower energy bills. Less demand for electricity.  
Reduced dependence on foreign oil. Cleaner air. And a healthier  
environment – indoors and out.*

*May 8, 2007/Washington, VA – The region's only one-stop shopping opportunity for consumer-friendly alternatives to fossil fuel energy returns for a second year on **Saturday, June 2 at the Fauquier County Fairgrounds**. New for 2007 is an added emphasis on green building, energy conservation, and sustainability.*

#### ***What's new? What's hot? What's cool? What works?***

Featured technologies for the 2007 Piedmont Alternative Energy Expo include **solar, wind, and biofuels** solutions, plus energy-efficient heating and cooling options such as **geothermal systems, high velocity duct systems, tankless water heaters, radiant systems, and alternative fuel boilers**.

New exhibitors include ECO Solutions, LLC (water and air purification systems), Green Man Forest Management (conservation-minded tools for responsible forest management), MoreSun Custom Woodworking, Inc. (timber frames,

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furniture, cabinetry and timber frame design using environmentally-friendly materials), RASP Technologies (alternative fuels), Blue Ridge Yurts (alternative buildings), and COTEFECO Corporation (energy efficiency consulting and products).

Lining up to return for a second year are... Appleton Campbell of Warrenton (energy-efficient heating and cooling systems), Oesch Environmental Design (solar and zero energy homes, green oak timber frame, straw bale construction, living earth roofs, and healthful environmental control systems), Piedmont Biofuels Cooperative of North Carolina (biofuels cooperative), Recovered Energy Resources (small-scale power plants fueled through biomass, animal manure, wood wastes, and trash), TerraBuilt (subsoil brick manufacturing and construction system), and Solar Connexion (solar design and installation services), among others.

### ***Energy in the news***

"The news headlines say it all," says Maureen Blackwell of the Rappahannock League for Environmental Protection (RLEP), who is sponsoring the event. "The current powerline debate launched a call to state legislators for conservation measures. Drilling continues to raise environmental concerns. Our nation of cars and consumers is coming to grips with global warming. The challenges are steep. Yet, with each passing year, technology advances make it easier for each of us to become the change we seek."

### ***Talk to the experts***

Among the most popular Expo offerings are the chance to talk through individual applications with a wide range of experts and a variety of hands-on educational opportunities. A number of not-for-profits will also be on hand to provide information on energy use strategies.

### ***Consumer-friendly solutions***

"Reduce energy consumption. Find new fuels. Stop global warming. With all the challenges before us, it's hard sometimes to appreciate how far we've come," says RLEP President, Paul Farmer. "The beauty of today's alternative energy resources is that they're in the mainstream now, a normal part of the way we manage our budgets, run our cars, and build our homes. That's what I call progress."

### ***Learn more***

For more information, visit [www.rlep.org](http://www.rlep.org). **Expo hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children and students.**

The 2007 Piedmont Alternative Energy Expo is sponsored by the Rappahannock League for Environmental Protection (RLEP) and the Riptide Fund. RLEP is a 35-year old membership organization dedicated to preserving the natural resources and rural character of Rappahannock County, Virginia.