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TAPPING INTO RENEWABLE ENERGY 4-WEEK WORKSHOP AT COS

Weed / COS - Interested in powering up your home with renewable energy sources? College of the Siskiyous is offering a practical 4-week workshop entitled: Tapping into Renewable Energy: Sustainable Building and Use of Solar and Wind Power. Course dates are Wednesday evenings September 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, from 6 to 9 PM, and Saturday October 3rd from 9 am to 4 pm. Adjunct instructor Joy von Skepsgardh will facilitate the course with expert guest instruction from Ryan Wilden, Leif Hansen, Jack Moore, Michael Morningstar, Mark Coleman, Ellen Coleman and Allie Coleman. The workshop is sponsored by Wholesale Solar.

The workshop will offer participants an overview of efficiency and renewable living options appropriate in Siskiyou County, highlighting solar power. Participants will learn basic electrical concepts and be introduced to how to design solar applications for specific sites including grid tie and grid free systems. Participants will learn about the components and products available, be exposed to solar resources and spend a daylong fieldtrip visiting solar powered sites.

Joy von Skepsgardh, a consultant to the college who is organizing the workshop states, "In the class outline, there is a large emphasis on conservation of energy including building performance for existing homes and building materials and design for new homes."

Jack Moore, a Siskiyou County homeowner expressed his enthusiasm about renewable energy and the upcoming workshop, "Living off the grid using solar and wind power has been one of the most rewarding and satisfying things I've ever done. But watch out once you start...because it can be addicting in a powerful way. Now I spend more and more time trying to figure out how to achieve a "zero carbon footprint" in more and more aspects of my life!"

This class is ideal for home, ranch and land owners interested in utilizing solar power and/or becoming more self sufficient, entry level employees in the solar industry, people interested in working in the solar field, including building and remodeling contractors, and electricians.

To learn more about the new Environmental Resources programs and see a list of fall course offerings visit www.siskiyous.edu/cte/environmental/ or call Christy Cummings Dawson at (530) 938-5305 or send an email to cummingsc@siskiyous.edu. To register online visit www.siskiyous.edu and click "Online Services" or call (530) 938-5272 or call toll-free (888) 397-4339.