

Local NMSEA Chapters

Throughout the state, chapters offer the opportunity to learn about all aspects of solar. They direct and participate in solar education by focusing on the needs of their communities. Chapter activities may include:

- ▶ Monthly or bi-monthly programs, open to the public
- ▶ Displaying literature and solar equipment at local sustainable events
- ▶ SunChaser presentations at schools
- ▶ Solar home tours

We have established chapters in:

Alamogordo

Meets 3rd Thursdays, fall thru spring

Albuquerque

Meets 4th Tuesdays, 6:30pm, UNM Continuing Education (1634 University NE)

Las Vegas

Meets 2nd Thursdays, 5pm,
Peace & Justice Center (719 6th)

Los Alamos - LASE Network

Meets 2nd Thursdays, Pajarito Environmental Education Center (3540 Orange Street, east of Diamond Drive)

Santa Fe

Meets 3rd Wednesdays, Santa Fe Main Library (145 Washington St)

Silver City

Taos

There is interest in Las Cruces; we're looking for a coordinator. Contact the office to support a chapter in your area. Check our website for updated meeting and contact information.

Vision

We envision a future and believe in the possibility of a civilization based on clean, renewable energy, where:

- Future generations will be able to peacefully enjoy the Earth's natural abundance and biodiversity, and
- Where all people have access to affordable, renewable energy.

Mission

NMSEA promotes solar and related arts, sciences and technologies with concern for the region's ecological, social and economic fabric. NMSEA educates individuals, public institutions and governmental bodies, raising the level of public awareness of the organization's purposes. Anyone who shares these aims may become a member.



Monte Ogdahl, 2009 President of NMSEA

Website

See our website, www.nmsea.org, for educational materials, volunteer positions, ***Solar and Sustainable Directory***, membership form, event calendar, "How to Go Solar in New Mexico" Guide, workshops, SunChaser visit requests, chapter contacts, advertising opportunities, retail items and more.



NEW MEXICO SOLAR ENERGY ASSOCIATION

An Educational
501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization
Promoting Renewable Energy and
Sustainability Since 1972



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NMSEA is a chapter of the
American Solar Energy Society.

Who Are We?

The New Mexico Solar Energy Association (NMSEA) is an educational 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting solar energy and related sustainable practices. NMSEA was one of the first organizations in the country to seek methods and ideas on how to use renewable energy, how small villages can live sustainably and how to empower people on these issues.

A volunteer organization since 1972, our diverse membership includes advocates of solar energy, architects, building contractors, engineers, educators and planners specializing in renewable energy and sustainability.

Become a part of the premier New Mexico organization working to educate the public about sustainable energy. NMSEA members receive discounts on some events and classes. Our website has a membership application and further info.



SunChaser Program

A nationally-recognized program, our instructors bring hands-on demos to schools and local events. When the SunChaser comes to visit, students of all ages are in for fun, instructive activities about the sun and energy. The sun's potential as a source of renewable energy is emphasized. Request a visit via our office or website.

NMSEA also offers a full solar curriculum to educators through its website.

NMSEA Outreach

Chapters and SunChaser

See descriptions of our chapters and K-12 SunChaser education program elsewhere in this brochure and on our website.

Committees

Our Solar Advocacy and Technical Committees research legislation and technologies to make recommendations to our members.

The SunPaper

NMSEA's bi-monthly newsletter provides news of the organization, aspects of renewable energy and sustainable building and statewide developments relating to solar tax credits and other incentives.

Outreach Activities in Local Communities

NMSEA sponsors Taos Solar Music Festival's Solar Village, SynergyFest, Solar Fiesta and Solar Home Tours. Members bring a presence to many other events around the state as well.

Solar Fiesta!

A two-day renewable energy fair featuring exhibits and classes on green building, solar heating, wind- and solar-electric systems, alternative fuels and vehicles, solar cooking, rainwater catchment, building materials, etc. Kids' Area. The 10th annual is Sept. 26-27, '09 at Highland High in ABQ. See our website for details.

Solar Home Tours

Typically in October, NMSEA and its chapters host tours of homes built from the ground up using solar principles and older solar-retrofitted homes.

Solar and Sustainable Directory

A listing of companies and organizations in New Mexico that provide sustainable products and services, including financing, recycling, real estate and education.

Hands-on Classes

NMSEA has hands-on classes for PV and solar heating and will present "Successful Solar Businesses" 10/29-31.

Volunteers

We are primarily a volunteer organization.

It takes many people to smoothly operate our education and outreach. Every hour you assist helps us to complete our mission. Among other tasks, we:

- ▶ Set up and maintain a presence at outreach events.
- ▶ Distribute literature, encourage people to join, gather e-mail addresses of folks who want to know about events.
- ▶ Handle sales of Kill-a-Watt meters, Solar and Sustainable Directories, T-shirts, Solar House Plans on CD, etc.
- ▶ At chapter meetings, greet, assist and sign-in speakers and attendees, set up and put away chairs and equipment.
- ▶ Write grants and contact potential sponsors.
- ▶ Phone calls and mailing projects.

Do you have a few hours a month to offer?

Get Involved!

Participating in our activities enables you to meet green-minded individuals and vendors in the solar and sustainable business communities.

If you have an interest in volunteering your time for any of the above or to help in any other way, please contact NMSEA.

No solar knowledge needed! Please volunteer!