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SCOE Hosts Solar 4R Schools Workshop Teaching the Science of Solar Energy

The Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) is hosting a Solar 4R Schools workshop for teacher professional development on **Wednesday, February 4** from **8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** at the Martin Petersen Event Center (720 12th Street, Modesto). Teaching the Science of Solar Energy is a FREE full-day teacher professional development workshop sponsored by SCOE and General Motors Corporation, in conjunction with American Chevrolet Dealership (who will also display a Chevy Volt during the event).

According to Sean Timmons, SCOE Science Consultant, Solar 4R Schools is growing a nation of science educators who can take what they learn at the workshop and deliver hands-on, renewable energy education to students in the classroom. “Each participating teacher will construct a solar project that they can keep. Plus, teachers will receive a classroom science kit, a \$750 value, to implement the modules in the classroom,” said Timmons. “Another bonus is the teachers will have access to a solar data monitoring centers on the website.”

Solar 4R Schools has developed projects in more than 200 schools in 20 states and Washington D.C., serving a combined enrollment of over 100,000 students per year.

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- 9:00 -10:50 a.m. Activity Session 1: Building Solar Ovens with Cross-Disciplinary Linkages
- 12:30 – 1:15 p.m. Activity Session 2: Solar Design Challenge
- 1:25 – 2:40 p.m. Activity Session 3: Solar Notebooks

For more information about the workshop, call Nancy Williamson at (209) 238-1316.