



# Central Illinois *Renewable* Energy Expo

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## **Central Illinois Renewable Energy Expo Announced for May 2 & 3** *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Event to Be Held at Green Sports Complex in Mossville*

With a challenging economy and the continuing growth of the "Green Revolution" the Peoria County 4-H Extension Foundation will again offer an educational and informative event that will give area residents an avenue to learn more about emerging and renewable technologies. The second annual **Central Illinois Renewable Energy Expo** will be held at the Green Sports Complex (formerly the Midwest Sports Complex) in Mossville, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Among the sponsors and presenters for the second annual event are Peoria County Recycling, Bauer Power, Soy Capital Bank, Eco Properties, Inc., media partner WMBD TV and many others.

New this year is the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Mobile Green Classroom — a new educational tool sponsored by the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada (UA), the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA), the Mechanical Service Contractors of America (MSCA) and the Plumbing Contractors of America (PCA). This state-of-the-art mobile classroom provides information about the latest green technologies being used in mechanical service and construction. The technologies featured on board allow visitors to see the many ways in which a building can become more energy efficient, use fewer natural resources and have minimal impact on the environment. The trailer will be in Peoria for a week, including both Saturday and Sunday at the Energy Expo.

"Energy consumption, cost-savings and renewable energy continue to dominate headlines," says Peoria County 4-H and Extension Foundation member and Expo Coordinator Gary Sutton. "The response we had last year showed us that we hit the right note at the right time." "The **Central Illinois Renewable Energy Expo** is designed to bring people from the area together to learn more about renewable energy products and services, as well as learning about the lifestyle."

The **Central Illinois Renewable Energy Expo** features exhibitors and vendors displaying various types of renewable energy. In addition to vendor displays focusing on topics from Geothermal to Solar Power, Wind Energy to Renewable Fuels, and even Hybrid Vehicles, there will be presentations each day on various renewable energy topics.

The Expo is slated for the Green Sports Complex, on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost of admission is \$5.00 for ages 12+, under 12 is free. The Green Sports Complex is located at 12026 North Old Galena Road State, just off of Route 29. The Complex itself will be transformed into vendor displays and presentations.

There is plenty of parking and there will be food and concessions available each day. For more information, contact Gene Pratt at (309) 370-1395 or Gary Sutton, Expo Coordinator at (309) 282-4839 or contact us at the website at [www.ciree.net](http://www.ciree.net).