

The Middle TN Green Power Festival is next Saturday, June 7, in Hohenwald, TN. The Vanderbilt Biodiesel Initiative just invited anyone interested to road trip with them in their biodiesel-powered van down the Natchez Trace Parkway to the festival. More info is provided below on both the VBI trip and the Festival itself.

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From Stacey Worman with VBI:

Hey y'all!

Come with us on a mini-road trip next weekend!! We'll be burnin' biodiesel...made from Vandy's used veggie oil....as we cruise down the Natchez Trace Parkway...on our way to the Middle Tennessee Green Power Festival!

When: Saturday, June 7th

RSVP (to Stlywo@gmail.com) Required. Space is limited (Only 10 spots!)

This is an open invitation! Please pass it along to anyone you think might be interested...it's also a great opportunity to learn more about (and get involved with) VBI!

(There's a concert Friday night -- and depending on interest/attendance levels -- we are thinking about leaving campus sometime on Friday and camping out that night so we can spend some time exploring the beautiful area! Otherwise we'll be rollin' out Saturday Morning, so when you respond please state your preference!!)

Hope you'll be able to join us!

A little more information:

What Is The Natchez Trace Parkway?

The 444-mile Natchez Trace Parkway commemorates an ancient trail that connected southern portions of the Mississippi River, through Alabama, to salt licks in today's central Tennessee. Today, visitors can experience this National Scenic Byway and All-American Road through driving, hiking, biking, horseback riding, and camping. (www.nps.gov/natr)

What is The Middle Tennessee Green Power Festival?

A day in the sun with exhibits, workshops, and speakers on Alternative Energy! Speech topics include: "Ethanol and Community Development", "How to Navigate the Falling Dollar: The Risks and Opportunities for Tennessee Communities", "Transition Towns: Building a Peak Oil Strategy", "The Value of Solar Electric Systems in TN", "Transforming Our Communities from Belongings to Belonging", and "Food Security in Tennessee." (www.sonnenschein-tenn.org/3.html) See more detail below.

What is the Vanderbilt Biodiesel Initiative?

Vanderbilt Biodiesel Initiative is a self-sufficient, sustainable, student-run biodiesel production system at Vanderbilt University. The production system is used to convert local waste vegetable oil into environmentally responsible biodiesel fuel that can be used in any of the university's diesel-fueled engines. These include vehicles such as student activity vans, medical center buses, and landscaping machinery. The goal is to curb the consumption of petroleum-based fuel by the

Vanderbilt community with a system that is economically and environmentally sustainable. Also, the initiative aims to educate others about the viability of biodiesel as an effective alternative fuel. (www.vanderbilt.edu/biodiesel)

Sonnenschein Green Power Festival

Date: June 7, 2008

Location: Downtown, Hohenwald, TN

Festival Details:

The third Sonnenschein Festival is nearly approaching. In 2006 we had nearly 1500 festival attendees and in 2007, despite the rain we had 850 people attend! This year promises to be better than ever, with excellent speakers (David Blume, Catherine Austin Fitts, Albert Bates and more) eco-films, an art show, crafts, displays of green-living products, solar music stage, food and fun for the kids. New this year will be a recycling center to receive those old computers and other electronics that you have gathering dust in your home or office.

This year the festival will be based in and around the Strand Theater in downtown Hohenwald, which will make for a more compact and accessible event. Surrounding the Hohenwald event will be a Cumberland Green Bioregional Gathering on the Farm in Summertown and a Tour of Alternative Homes in Lewis County, TN. Please consider donating money, goods or services to our fundraising auction. Proceeds go towards the publication of the Green Living Journal. Reply to this e-mail with questions about additional events.

If you have any questions, please contact someone from the festival through:

<http://www.sonnenschein-tenn.org/10.html>

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