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## Lodi youths will envision solar-powered options

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Sun-savvy students will square off Saturday at Lodi High School for the second annual Solar Schoolhouse Olympic Competition, a contest that awards prizes to solar-powered designs and creations.

Lodi youths between the ages of 9 and 18 will enter their best works in competitions to be judged by members of the community, including Councilman Larry Hansen and Jay Bell, a science curriculum specialist for Lodi Unified School District.



Students will square off Saturday at Lodi High School for the second annual Solar Schoolhouse Olympic Competition that features solar-powered designs and creations made by Lodi youths between the ages of 9 and 18. (Courtesy photo)

favorite dishes using solar cookers.

At last year's Solar Olympics, as many as 200 Lodi students competed in car racing and solar cooking, and showcased their solar-powered model homes and art.

In addition to viewing student competitions, attendees can take part in solar energy presentations, including a hydrogen fuel cell powered by the sun, a full-sized solar electric car and a solar electric power station.

Solar cooked snacks will be served at the event as well as other food and beverages.

The event is open to the public will be held Saturday at Lodi High School from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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The event is sponsored by the city's Electric Utility Department in partnership with the Rahus Institute, a nonprofit research organization dedicated to finding efficient uses for natural resources like sun, wind and water.

"Solar Olympics provides an opportunity for students to express their creativity through their own talents and strengths," Bell said in a press release.

Some participants will race 3-watt solar module mini-cars around a 20-meter course in as little as six seconds, while other students will cook their

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