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Camp Teaches Middle School Students about Energy Consumption and Conservation

Editor's note: Media are invited to attend the Energy Camp solar-powered car race on Thursday, July 14, at the Wake County Commons Building, located at 4011 Carya Drive in Raleigh. Campers will build their cars from 2:15 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., with the race taking place at 3:45 p.m.

Do you know what generates the energy that powers your lights, smart phone, washing machine and many other items you use regularly? Forty rising sixth graders are learning the answer to that question this week at [Wake County Energy Camp](#).

Through hands-on learning and trips into the field, instructors at the camp are teaching participants from across the county about energy and its impact on the community. The camp is hosted every July by the [Wake County Citizens Energy Advisory Commission](#).

"We couldn't be more thrilled to celebrate our 22nd year of Energy Camp, knowing we are inspiring the next generation of smart energy consumers," said Energy Advisory Commission Chair Bob Leker. "As one of the fastest growing counties in the nation, it is our responsibility to educate the future leaders of our community on where energy comes from and the importance of conservation."

Based out of Wake County's General Services Administration building, campers participate in a wide range of activities designed to explore various energy and technology topics such as solar energy, air quality and energy careers. In addition to touring local energy centers, campers also participate in physics labs and have the opportunity to build and race solar-powered cars.

The camp runs through Friday, July 15.

The [Wake County Citizens' Energy Advisory Commission](#) was created in 1978 by the Wake County Board of Commissioners and is charged with promoting the

conservation of energy in government, industry and the home. The commission seeks a comprehensive and coordinated business approach, offering recommendations and studies to the Wake County Board of Commissioners.

For additional information on how to become a Wake County Energy Camp corporate sponsor, contact coordinator Golden Graham at (919) 856-5777 or via email at ggraham@wakegov.com.

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