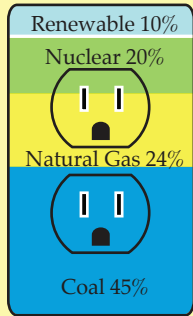


Did You Know?!

- Coal is the most common fuel for generating electricity in the United States.



In 2010, consumption of renewable sources in the United States totaled about 8 quadrillion BTU or about 8% of all energy used nationally. About 10% of U.S. electricity was generated from renewable sources.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

- In the 1830s, the British astronomer John Herschel famously used a solar thermal collector box (a device that absorbs sunlight to collect heat) to cook food during an expedition to Africa.
- Albert Einstein won the Nobel Prize in 1921 for his experiments with solar energy.
- Solar energy systems do not produce air pollutants or carbon-dioxide. When located on buildings and poles, they have minimal impact on the environment.



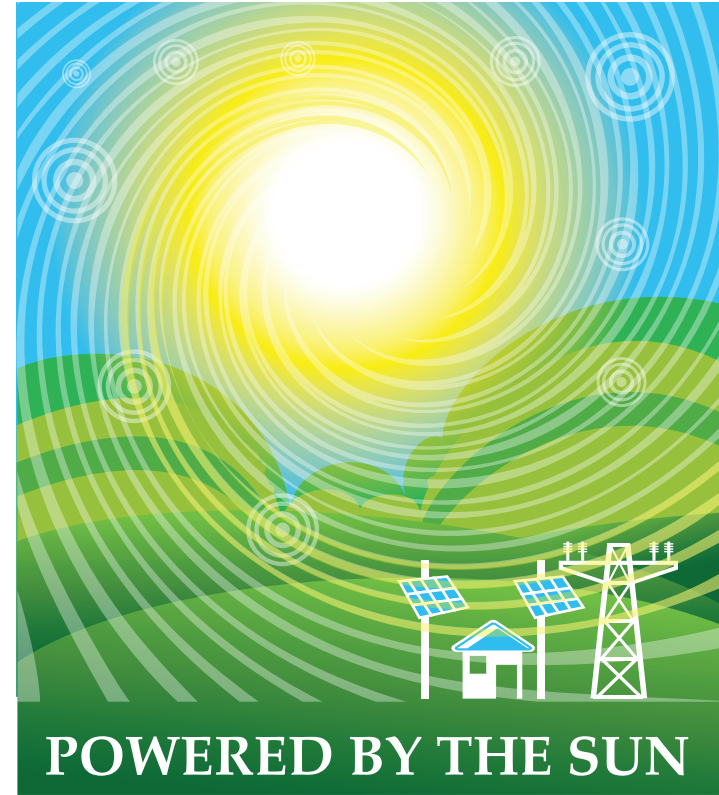
- Green Leaf Planes can fly using solar energy. In 2005 an unmanned airplane (drone) with a 5-meter wingspan flew for 48 hours non-stop, propelled entirely by solar energy.

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Power Your Students' Creativity... Stories, Poems, Songs, Scripts for Skits, Plays or Videos

Your students can use their creativity to demonstrate what they've learned about the Power of the Sun. Enter their stories, poems, songs, skits, plays and video scripts. Entries may also include pictures, drawings, paintings, collages, etc., that illustrate their written work.

A Creative Writing Contest that powers student learning featuring:

- Curriculum based learning in science and language arts literacy
- Resources and links prepared by a professional children's librarian
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- Class Trip Awards for outstanding Class Projects

Goals of the Contest

- Students develop their language arts literacy, creative writing and presentation skills
- Students learn and understand the benefits of solar power
- Teachers and students find valuable resources to support their teaching/learning
- Parents are inspired and educated by the students' work
- Students begin to see themselves as future stewards of New Jersey and the planet
- Teachers and students are acknowledged and celebrated for their work at special events

Register your class online between December 1, 2011 and February 24, 2012 and receive a Powered by the Sun Classroom Poster.

Entries

- All students in Grades K-5 are eligible to enter.
- Entries will be accepted through our online portal from individual, groups or classes of students.
- Entry deadline is Friday, March 2, 2012.
- Selections will be announced by Tuesday, March 13, 2012.
- Rules and contest details are available on the contest web page: www.cnjsolarcontest.com

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