

Going green is as easy as 1, 2, 3

High Sierra Energy ready to Summit Aug. 11

In a time when even the Los Angeles City Council can vote for a ban on plastic bags (see July 23 LA Times), going green is becoming more of the norm and many people are jumping on this once-selective bandwagon.

Mammoth seems to be right on track with its second annual High Sierra Energy Summit coming up in a little more than one week. The Summit is being sponsored by the High Sierra Energy Initiative, a partnership between Southern California Edison and the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

By now many in the community may know that the High Sierra Energy Summit begins on Aug. 11 at Cerro Coso Community College in Mammoth Lakes, and have already registered for the event online.

Others, however, may be putting off registering because they do not believe they have enough time. Those people will be relieved to know that in such a busy world, this registration process takes less than one minute. In three simple steps you will be on your way to the Summit. And this year, the first 100 people to apply through the High Sierra Energy Initiative will receive full scholarships.

Step 1: Go to www.highsierraenergysummit.com

Step 2: Click on Register

Step 3: Fill out all asterisked information and hit submit. Make sure to fill out all of the information, otherwise the High Sierra Energy Foundation will be unable to register you.

Those who fail to register will miss the opportunity to hear from leading experts on energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.

Deanna Campbell, Director of the Eastern Sierra College Center of Cerro Coso, said her favorite speaker from last year, who will be lecturing again this year, was Ron Smith. The Summit's Web site describes Smith, "as a career instructor, has taught astronomy and meteorology for over 34 years in the California Community College system. In addition to college level teaching, Mr. Smith worked as a lecturer at the Griffith Observatory. He also joined the San Francisco State tornado chase team for 3 years during the 1990's. While retired from full time instruction, Mr. Smith continues to enjoy active participation in local community events. He frequently presents scientific programs to the White Mountain Institute, the local public schools, and to the local Audubon and Sierra Club chapters. His diverse academic background has allowed him to also teach speech at Cerro Coso College. He holds two master's degrees, one in speech and the other in astronomy. As an undergraduate at the University of Southern California, he acquired a minor in climatology. He pursued this interest by auditing 12 units of graduate Meteorology at San Francisco State while writing a lab textbook in weather and climate."

Smith will present a talk every morning of the Summit about the environment and "Putting Energy into Perspective." This talk begins every morning at 8:30 with a free breakfast.

While Smith is the only speaker who is on the schedule every day, other notable names include Hank Jackson, owner of ETech Solutions; Martyn Dodd, principle of EnergySoft; Greg Sharp, licensed architect; David Wylie, a registered Professional Mechanical Engineer; Ted Flanigan, President of EcoMotion, and Mammoth's very own Rick Phelps, Executive Director of the High Sierra Energy Foundation. Phelps will give the Friday afternoon "Wrap-up and Perspectives for the Future" lecture.

All lectures will be given at the Cerro Coso campus in Mammoth, but you can't listen in on any of them if you don't register. Visit www.highsierraenergysummit.com today for more information.