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[Visit Mountainside Education and Enrichment on the 2010 Solar Tour](#)

Visit [Mountainside Education and Enrichment](#) in Urbana, Maryland during the 2010 [ASES National Solar Tour](#) on Saturday, October 2 from 11am to 5pm.

“Mountainside is an active summer camp as well as a capus for Mountainside Enrichment and Education, a non-profit created to teach renewable resources. Mountainside is home to a 10-kilowatt solar array as well as a 10-kilowatt wind turbine. Both systems are monitored for efficiency and power output from a computer station located in their front office. In efforts to teach both adults and children alike Mountainside has a number of other environmentally friendly installations and porjects that include rain gardens, composting toilets, organic gardens, 4,000

riparian tree buffer, and a wetlands conservation area. Mountainside is also a 115-acre working farm with fields of corn and fruit trees.” (This write-up is courtesy of the 2010 Western Maryland Tour of Solar and Green Homes Guide.)

The 10kW Wind Turbine at Mountainside ~photo Chris May

During a stop at Mountainside last week, memories of the amazing [Conservation Leadership School](#) program I volunteered for at Penn State in 1997 founded by [Dr. Jim Hamilton](#).



The Mountainside Education and Enrichment 10kW Solar Electric System ~photo Chris May

Visit [Wind power: Urbana business installs county's first windmill](#) by the Frederick News Post for more background on the project and [Solar homes tour set for this weekend](#) by the Frederick News Post for more information on the Western Maryland Solar Tour.

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