

FREA Solar Tour Information and Operation for Visitors

FREA-ASES/SUN National Solar Tour

October, 2018

General Visitor Information

The American Solar Energy Society (ASES) has conducted 23 National Solar Tours. The Florida Renewable Energy Association has participated in the ASES Annual National Solar Tour for the past 10 years. FREA is the Florida Chapter of ASES. This event is free to all and no one gets paid during this volunteer event.

Over the years, FREA has used a variety of formats for local events. We have teamed with FLASIEA, UCF, OUC, Ideas-for-us, Solar-Users-Group, Solar-fit, Solar-ray, FL-SUN and other organizations. We have had organizations provide sites for the tour from FREA members, the general public and general industry. This 2018, ASES is partnering with Solar United Neighbors and FREA for the event date of October 6-7, 2018.

This year, FREA has scheduled solar tours over two days and regionalized to two parts of Florida. We have allocated as many as 12 sites in one day with the attendees deciding which site they wish to attend at their schedule throughout the day, as well as, allocating 6 sites in one day with a set starting site and finish site with a set order. Distance between sites has a lot to do with attendance at each site, as well as, the type of site PV system.

Attendance has varied widely, being as high as 300 in 2013 to as low as 20 in the Spring of 2017. Comparing our attendance with other chapters, we are about average.

What ASES-FREA supply

ASES/FREA assists with such things as:

- Website for listing local tour site and chapter information
- Poster for chapter information, event time and place
- Street/road signs for sites
- Solar tour guide with ASES and solar technology information
- Site sign-in sheets for visitor login verification
- Event press release for media
- Solar Tour site address list

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What Solar Tour Visitors are expected to do?

Visitor expectation

- Check FREA web Site for latest changes to tour
- Print or download address location list of solar sites in your area
- Print or download Tour Education Information document for general knowledge
- Invite neighbors and friends to join you on the tour
- Help distributing ASES/FREA event Poster and media promoting event
- Respect Owner of site solar home or business presented
- Honor the site date and time of event, do not come at other times
- Look for Street/road signs in front of home or business
- Sign-in or register at site on Sheets for verification of attendance
- Smile, be friendly, learn all you can and experience solar life.

The owner of the system will be at their site during the time of the tour on Saturday or Sunday that weekend. We ask you not to come any other day or time then what is published.

FREA is also concerned about the safety, so follow directions of site owner for your safety. If you need a bathroom, please do so before arriving at the site.

