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Green Bike Tour To Pass Through Mankato

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(<http://www.greenbike.org/Midwest2006/Midwest2006.htm>)

In support of renewable energy, the five-state Green Bike Tour will pull into Mankato Saturday, Sept. 23 with a stop at Minnesota State University's Automotive Engineering Technology laboratories.

The tour, stretching from Sept. 21 through Sept. 28, will move through Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Wisconsin. Riders will visit wind farms, college campuses, solar installations, and finish the tour at the **Conference of Engineers for a Sustainable World** (<http://www.uiesw.org/conference/>) in Iowa City.

The purpose of the tour is to promote how renewable energy strengthens rural economies and secures America's energy future. Riders will team with local businesses, farmers, elected officials, energy producers and activists to show the success and potential of renewable energy. The tour will highlight wind and ethanol projects in the Midwest, and bikers will demonstrate practical uses of solar power. Bikes will be equipped with solar panels that produce electricity to help with uphill rides or play music.

The bike riders will be on campus from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at the **Automotive Engineering Technology** (<http://cset.mnsu.edu/aet/>) laboratories in Nelson Hall, where Dr. Bruce Jones will discuss the renewable energy work undertaken by AET. The Minnesota State Mankato Students for Sustainability will also be participating in the event. All students, staff and community members are welcome to attend.

For updates on the tour, visit www.greenbiketour.blogspot.com (<http://www.greenbiketour.blogspot.com>).

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