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**On October 6, 2007,** solar powered and energy efficient homes and buildings in Tennessee and across the country will be open for public tours. It's all part of the upcoming National Solar Tour. The tour offers local residents an opportunity to find out how their neighbors are trimming their energy bills, increasing their energy independence and taking steps to address global warming. Here at home, the Sequatchie Valley Institute will be sponsoring the Southeast Tennessee tour for the 11th year! The Institute will be open all day on Saturday, Oct. 6, for tours. Location and directions for other local and regional open homes and businesses will soon be available on our website, by email or phone.

The Sequatchie Valley Institute and SE Tennessee join 46 other states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico in showcasing solar options during the Tour.

For more information about the local tour please go to www.SVIonline.org or call Carol Kimmons at 423-949-5922. For tours in other areas, go to www.NationalSolarTour.org. Owners of solar or other alternate energy homes in our 5-county region who are interested in being part of the tour may contact Carol. ###

Media tours of solar powered buildings can be arranged prior to the National Solar Tour. For information please contact Carol Kimmons at 423-949-5922, or email carol-kimmons@utc.edu.