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# UNH May 1 Solarfest a Celebration of May Day

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire's Student Environmental Action Coalition, in partnership with WUNH, Office of Sustainability Programs, Student Committee on Popular Entertainment (SCOPE), and Sunweaver will present Solarfest 2004 on the UNH Durham campus Saturday, May 1.

"This is SolarFest because the energy we will use is coming from the sun via solar panels provided by Sunweaver ([www.sunweaver.com](http://www.sunweaver.com))," say event organizers. The entire day will also be broadcast live by WUNH.

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to sundown in the Congreve Hall courtyard on Main Street. Rain location is the Memorial Union Building. It is free and open to the public.

Solarfest is a celebration of service and activism in New Hampshire. The day showcases local and national musical acts. Ranging from bluegrass to world rhythms, and reggae to jazz and hip hop, the festival will highlight "conscious and underground sounds" from all over the country. The bands playing include High Range, John Brown's Body, Good Sista/Bad Sista, Adam Ward, Bird's Eye View, Liz Parmalee, David Rovics, 35th Parallel, Tony Vacca and World Rhythms.

There will be art presentations by the Beehive Collective ([beehivecollective.org](http://beehivecollective.org)). The Beehive Collective includes storytellers that use giant murals to illustrate and explain issues such as the FTAA (Free Trade Area of the Americas) and Plan Columbia.

An art battle is also planned where eight artists will paint spontaneously on giant murals during the musical sets. Solarfest will feature a holistic health fair, where reiki practitioners, massage therapists, herbalists and homeopathic doctors will provide workshops and demonstrations of alternative healing methods.

In addition, an activist fair will take place and several organizations will gather to raise awareness about environmental, social, labor, animal and justice issues.

UNH students working for justice and peace organized SolarFest. It is their mission to "create peace by fostering culture." For more information, contact Katie Samson, (603) 749-1171, [ksamson@unh.edu](mailto:ksamson@unh.edu), or Aaron Friedman, (603) 659-8664, [af3@unh.edu](mailto:af3@unh.edu).