

World of Energy to celebrate 50 years

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SENECA — Duke Energy's World of Energy is set to host several free events to celebrate the center's 50th birthday.

World of Energy spokeswoman Mikayla Kreuzberger said the celebration will begin at 2 p.m. June 27, and will continue throughout the day.

"We certainly hope the community comes out," she said. "We have a lot of local neighbors who always come to our events, and we're always grateful. We're hoping for a big turnout."

Bingo and trivia with the Keep Oconee Beautiful Association is set to run from 2-4 p.m., a community art project is scheduled to begin at the same time and run until 7 p.m. and live music with "Those Guys" is planned from 5-7 p.m.

Visitors attending the event might notice four new "art bulbs" when the grounds are lit up, according to Kreuzberger.

"The art bulbs were originally part of Spartanburg Art Museum's 'Lighten Up Spartanburg!' community art project," she said in a

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An "art bulb" on display at Duke Energy's World of Energy grounds. Three more bulbs will be lit up next week.

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news release. "Two of those bulbs have been repurposed by volunteer artists with the Blue Ridge Arts Center in Seneca."

Formerly known as the Keowee-Toxaway Visitors Center, the landmark opened on July 1, 1969, and had more than 250,000 visitors in its first year stop by for interactive exhibits and to watch the construction of the Oconee Nuclear Station, Kreuzberger said.

The nuclear station began producing electricity in 1973.

"When the World of Energy opened its doors on July 1, 1969, we made a commitment to the community to provide education about energy and the Oconee Nuclear Station," Kreuzberger said. "That's been our commitment ever since, and we want



people to feel comfortable understanding the nuclear energy world understanding the Oconee Nuclear Station. We want people to know we're a community partner.

Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

Parking will be available at the World of Energy, with overflow parking, if needed, on Highway 130.

WEDNESDAYS AT WOE

The World of Energy is also in the midst of its weekly summer learn-

ing events for children ages 6-12. The 10 a.m. program lasts an hour each Wednesday and presents an opportunity to keep students engaged in science-based activities while they're outside the classroom.

Next week, WOE is teaming up with the Blue Ridge Arts Center for the art bulb project, and attendees will be able to paint one of the giant bulbs to be on display. Other topics throughout the summer will include

bugs and reptiles with "The Critter Keeper" on July 10 and 2-liter bottle rockets on July 24.

The Clemson Extension will teach kids about the local watershed with hand-on water activities to wrap up the program on July 31. There is no program scheduled for July 4 or July 17.

For more information visit duke-energy.com/worldofenergy.

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