

It's a Family Affair at Oconee Nuclear Station

Oconee Nuclear Station employees and their relatives were the guests of honor for two unique events the World of Energy recently hosted.

The visitor's center for the Seneca, S.C., nuclear plant put the focus on family, with an employee family tour day and employee art show.

“Our employees are so dedicated to their jobs and spend so much time here, we thought it was important for their loved ones to see just how they spend their day,” event coordinator Addie Bradshaw said. “The visitors were thrilled to see inside the nuclear facility.”



During the plant tours, employees served as their guests' tour guides. They walked them around the site and spent time in the outage command center and the turbine building, where heat from large steam pipes pushed the inside temperature to 117 degrees on the day of the tour.

“I think a lot of family members walked away from the site with a greater appreciation for the job their loved ones do,” Bradshaw said.

Following their time inside the plant, families also got to experience life as a reactor operator during a visit to one of the plant's training simulators. From there, they toured the World of Energy and browsed more than 50 pieces of art contributed by Oconee employees and their family members.

It was the first time the World of Energy had hosted an employee art show and was the perfect way to wrap up a day of family-focused events.

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