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Summary: The Biology Club and Chemistry Clubs grilled (and never burned) hot dogs, veggie dogs, and bratwurst using heat from the sun.

(May 5, 2009)-Recently, University of Minnesota, Morris students enjoyed a great cookout under a sunny, springtime sky using solar-powered ovens.

The Biology Club and Chemistry Clubs grilled (and never burned) hot dogs, veggie dogs, and bratwurst using heat from the sun. Reflectors on a solar oven direct sunlight towards a rubber-sealed box in which the rays are turned into heat. A built-in thermometer provides the information needed for perfect cooking. The solar ovens were purchased with Beautiful-U grant funds from the University of Minnesota.

Lori Meyer '10, Atwater, can't wait to get her own solar oven. She said: "You can cook anything in a solar oven that you can cook in an oven, so why don't we give cookies a try next? And, a solar oven seems perfect for hot summer days when you want to bake without turning on the oven and heating up the house."

Solar-powered cooking is also an easy clean up: wipe the box with a damp cloth and pack away until the next sunny day.

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