



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS



Venstar Wi-Fi Thermostats Save Boys & Girls Club 20 Percent on Energy Costs

Product Highlights:

- Effective alternative to costly energy management systems
- Security without compromising energy savings
- Remotely controlled via the free mobile app or a Web browser
- Affordable at about half the cost of other Wi-Fi thermostats
- California Title 24 compliant

CHALLENGE:

Find Affordable, Easy-to-Use Wi-Fi Thermostats

In business since 1987, Temecula, California-based REE Mechanical Inc. provides air conditioning and heating services to industrial, commercial and residential customers throughout Southern California. With daytime highs near 100 in the summertime and lows in the 50s during the winter, maintaining indoor comfort is very important.

To keep the kids and staff comfortable at the Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County, REE was challenged to find an affordable, fully featured Wi-Fi thermostat that would allow remote management and help reduce energy costs. They also wanted a thermostat with a small footprint.

REE technicians have been installing Venstar thermostats for 25 years, including Venstar's ColorTouch® and Explorer® thermostats. They appreciate Venstar thermostats' simple installation, ease of programming and remote access. Most of all, they value Venstar's thermostats' ease of use for their customers.

SOLUTION:

Venstar's Commercial Explorer Mini Thermostat

When Venstar released its Explorer Mini thermostat, Jonathan Evancik, comfort consultant for REE, knew it would be perfect for the Boys & Girls Club. At about half the cost of other Wi-Fi thermostats, Venstar's Explorer Mini (Model T2050) is one of the most affordable commercial Wi-Fi thermostats available. It is also one of the most feature-rich thermostats with extensive programming options, remote management and Wi-Fi compatibility.



About EXPLORER MINI

Venstar's Explorer Mini commercial and residential programmable Wi-Fi thermostats are the most affordable Wi-Fi thermostats on the market. Just 3.2 inches wide by 3.2 inches high and less than an inch deep, Explorer Mini thermostats help save energy and improve indoor comfort while taking up less wall space.

About SKYPORT CLOUD SERVICES

Venstar's free Skyport Cloud Services enables users of Venstar's Explorer Mini thermostats to use Venstar's free Skyport Mobile App on their Apple iOS and Android mobile devices or directly from the Web to instantly access and control thermostats.



The Explorer Mini met REE's requirements for a thermostat that is easy to install, program and use. "It's so easy to install that I didn't even read the manual until later," Evancik said. Its locking feature helps eliminate tampering while its setpoint limiting allows staff to change the temperature by a few degrees to ensure indoor comfort without compromising energy savings.

At just 3.2 inches wide by 3.2 inches high and less than an inch deep, Explorer Mini takes up less wall space than average-sized thermostats. Featuring the largest LCD screen size in a thermostat of this size from Venstar, Explorer Mini has an easy-to-read display with a red or green indicator light to show when it's heating or cooling. This makes it easy to instantly see that the thermostats are doing their job to maintain indoor comfort.

Using Venstar's Skyport® Cloud Services, REE technicians can remotely access the Explorer Mini Wi-Fi thermostats directly from the free Skyport Mobile App on their Android™ or Apple iOS® iPhones and tablets or from the Web. Having a choice of the Web version or mobile app makes it easy for them to manage the thermostats from wherever they are.

RESULTS:

20 Percent Savings on Energy Costs and Indoor Comfort

Venstar's Explorer Mini thermostats save the Boys & Girls Club 20 percent on energy costs while keeping their facilities comfortable during hot and cold days.

Evancik said, "Our customers are thrilled to be saving 20 percent on their utility bills, and they are delighted with the Explorer Mini features and how easily they can remotely access and control the thermostats with the mobile app."

"The free Skyport App is awesome! Most of the competitors charge a monthly subscription cost for their apps, which can get very expensive for contractors like us who have hundreds of customer sites."

About REE Mechanical Inc.

Founded in 1987, REE Mechanical has built a reputation for reliability and superb customer service. Well-established in the commercial heating and cooling industry, REE Mechanical has expanded its services to include residential customers in Temecula, Murrieta, Winchester and Wildomar, CA. Its knowledgeable, factory-trained technicians can keep home, business and commercial systems working efficiently to keep indoor spaces comfortable. REE technicians have been installing Venstar thermostats for 25 years.

About the Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County is to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential as educated, responsible, caring and productive citizens. The Club provides academic support, sports, arts, S.T.E.M., career readiness, and leadership programs before and after school for Temecula, Murrieta, Lake Elsinore and the surrounding communities.



"We love Venstar's Explorer thermostats so much that we are restocking our vans with them."

*— Jonathan Evancik, Comfort Consultant
REE Mechanical Inc.*

About Venstar Skyport Cloud Services

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About Venstar

Founded in 1992, Venstar Inc. is a leading thermostat and energy management system (EMS) manufacturer, known for providing value to its customers via ease of use and installation, proven cost savings, improved energy efficiency, quality and reliability. Venstar is one of the largest thermostat suppliers in the world and designs and produces Venstar-branded products as well as OEM thermostat products for the biggest names in HVAC. Venstar's Surveyor is a leading energy management system, typically saving small-box retailers 25–35 percent of their energy costs, which translates to tens of millions of dollars in savings each year and dramatic reductions in CO₂ emissions. Surveyor currently controls the energy usage of 30,000+ retail locations across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

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