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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Tulare County to Host Regional Science Olympiad College of the Sequoias – April 13, 2002

Thirty-six teams of future scientists from Tulare, Fresno, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sacramento and Shasta Counties will converge on the College of the Sequoias Saturday, April 13. Students will be competing in the annual NorCal Science Olympiad in events such as: Bridge Building, Egg Drop, Robot Ramble, Water Quality, Chemistry Lab, Polymer Detectives, Science of Fitness, Cell Biology, Rocks & Minerals and Reach for the Stars.

The top three teams in local Middle School and High School division competitions are eligible to compete at the NorCal Regional Science Olympiad. Representing Tulare County in the Middle School division are: El Monte Middle School in Cutler-Orosi, La Joya Middle School in Visalia and Palo Verde Middle School in Tulare. Tulare County High School teams include: Golden West High School and Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia, and Tulare Western High School. “We’re proud of all the schools that participated in Science Olympiad this year,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “It takes a tremendous amount of after-school preparation by both students and coaches to compete in this event.”

The Science Olympiad is an international nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science –

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education. The Science Olympiad tournaments are rigorous academic competitions that consist of a series of individual and team events. Students prepare for the event during the year. "One of the goals of the Science Olympiad is to elevate science learning to a level of enthusiasm and support normally reserved for varsity sports programs," says Science Instructional Consultant Jonathan Janzen.

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