

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

SCICON Barbecue Features Live Entertainment **11:00 am – 4:00 pm • SCICON Campus, Springville**

Final plans are being made for the forty-second annual SCICON Barbecue and Wildflower Festival to be held on Sunday, April 21 from 11 am until 4 pm. The public is invited to enjoy the wildflowers and beauty of this 1100 acre outdoor education campus in the foothills above Springville. There will be wildflower hikes and nature walks led by the SCICON staff throughout the day. There will be continuous showings in the Museum, Planetarium and Wildlife Raptor Center. A variety of educational activities will be available to children and families including a free tree seedling to be given to each family.

Live entertainment is scheduled throughout the day and will include Janet Gilray & Gold Country, folk singer Patti Torrey, and oldies but goodies with Ruffage. Guitarists from Lindsay High School, plus the Carl Smith Middle School stage band will also perform.

Three thousand pounds of beef will be simmered underground in the SCICON deep-pit barbecue and served with the famous SCICON barbecue sauce. Meal prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$3.00 for

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children (12 and under) and \$5.00 for seniors (60 and over.) Meal tickets can be purchased at SCICON on the day of the Barbecue. There is no charge to enter the campus or participate in the day's activities. All proceeds from the meal go to the Friends of SCICON, a non-profit group which helps support the SCICON program.

SCICON is the Clemmie Gill School of Science and Conservation, an outdoor education program operated by Tulare County Office of Education. To travel to SCICON, take Highway 190 east to Springville and then follow the green highway signs directing you towards SCICON. For more information, call the SCICON office at (559) 539-2642.

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