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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Final Preparations Underway for 43rd Annual SCICON Barbecue and Wildflower Festival

Clemmie Gill School of Science and Conservation, Springville, CA
Sunday, April 13; 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Final preparations are being made for the 43rd annual SCICON BBQ and Wildflower Festival.

Hosted by the Tulare County Office of Education, the festival will be held on Sunday, April 13, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Clemmie Gill School of Science and Conservation in Springville, California.

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, as well as continuous showings in the Museum, Planetarium and Wildlife Raptor Center, throughout the day. A variety of educational activities and items will be available to children and families, including a free tree seedling for each family in attendance.

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Live entertainment is scheduled throughout the day and will include performances by Troupe TCOE, Hall of Fame Old Time Fiddler Del Baker, folk singer Patti Torrey and the Carl Smith Middle School jazz band. There is no charge to enter the campus or participate in the day's activities.

In addition, the air will be filled with the enticing aroma of the ever-popular SCICON barbecue lunch. More than 3000 pounds of beef will be simmered underground in the SCICON deep-pit barbecue and served with the famous SCICON BBQ sauce. Meal prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children (12 and under) and \$5.00 for seniors (60 and over.) Meal tickets can be purchased at SCICON on the day of the BBQ. All proceeds from the meal go to the Friends of SCICON, a non-profit group which helps support the SCICON program.

SCICON is the outdoor school of science and conservation 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 on this event, call the SCICON office at (559) 539-2642. You may also visit our website at www.tcoe.org for additional details and a map to the SCICON campus.

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