

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Final Portion of Tulare County Science Olympiad Scheduled for Grade-School Students El Diamante High School, Visalia – April 22, 2006**

Science Olympiad tournaments are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of individual and team events for which students prepare throughout the year. These events are balanced between the various science disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics and technology. There is also a balance between science facts, process, skills and applications. The youngest students representing Division A (grades 3 – 6) will compete at El Diamante High School April 22, 2006. There, they will be building circuits, designing clay boats, dropping eggs to see if they survive, launching rockets and participating in fun-filled science activities. Individual and team awards will be presented at the conclusion of the event.

The Division A event begins with an opening ceremony on the El Diamante campus at 8:30 a.m. Individual competitions begin at 9:00 a.m. The competition concludes with an awards ceremony scheduled for 12:45 p.m. in the El Diamante Quad. “The younger students are just as impressive to watch as students competing in the upper-grade divisions,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “They spend a great deal of their own time preparing for this event with the support of their coaches, teachers and parents.”

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**Science Olympiad** is an international non-profit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science, and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers.

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