



# Friends of SCICON

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## **For Immediate Release**

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**Friends of SCICON Announces:**

## **Support Needed in Furnishing and Naming the New Student Village at SCICON**

The construction phase on the New Village at SCICON – the Tulare County Office of Education’s respected outdoor education program – is quickly coming to a close, with the completion date set for January 28. The New Village will allow SCICON to accommodate the growing student population in Tulare County and surrounding communities. Once completed, it will consist of six student cabins, restrooms and showers, an amphitheater, meeting areas, and staff/teacher housing. The New Village project was made possible by an anonymous donation of \$811,000 plus additional funding from the Tulare County Office of Education.

The Friends of SCICON, a private, non-profit corporation, dedicated to supporting the SCICON outdoor education program, is announcing two ways that students and community members can help with the New Village project. SCICON is seeking suggestions from students as to a permanent name for the New Village. A special web page has been established where students can make their suggestions. To access the web site, students should visit: [www.tcoe.org](http://www.tcoe.org), and

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click on the link to the New Village. Due to time constraints, name suggestions should be submitted by January 31, 2007.

The Friends of SCICON is also inviting the community to with donations for the purchase of new items such as bunk beds, mattresses, curtains and outdoor furniture. A complete list of needed items can be found on the Friends of SCICON web site:

<http://scicon.ocsnet.net/FriendsofSCICON> . Mike Milanesi, president of the Friends of SCICON, says: "SCICON is a product of almost 50 years of community involvement. It is exciting that we all have a chance to contribute to the legacy of SCICON, especially for future generations." Cash donations can also be sent to: The Friends of SCICON, P.O. Box 426, Springville, CA. All donations are tax deductible.

SCICON is the outdoor school of science and conservation operated by Tulare County Office of Education. Over 15,000 students per year attend this 1,100-acre campus for one-week or one-day programs in outdoor science and conservation. For specific questions regarding the New Village and the SCICON program, contact SCICON Administrator Rick Mitchell through email at [rickmit@tcoe.org](mailto:rickmit@tcoe.org) or by phone at (559) 539-2642.

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