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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Peña Planetarium Creates New Public Series Combined With Outdoor Stargazing Friday, October 5, 2007 • 7:30 p.m. • 2500 Burrel Ave., Visalia

Visalia – The Peña Planetarium, in partnership with the Tulare Astronomical Association, has developed a new public program entitled *The Skies of Autumn*. This program, which is recommended for older children and adults, incorporates both a short planetarium show and outdoor star-gazing with the aid of telescopes.

The first showing of the series will be held October 5 at 7:30 p.m. The program will be shown again November 2 at 7:30 p.m. A new segment in the six-part series will be offered December 7, 2007 and January 11, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The program is designed to give in-depth information about the constellations and deep sky objects, visible at particular times during the year.

“We are delighted to partner with the Tulare Astronomical Association to offer these new shows,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “The planetarium is enjoyed

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by thousands of Central Valley students every year. Through the *Skies of Autumn* program, we hope to introduce a new audience to the wonderful amenities of our facility.”

Tickets can be purchased at the Peña Planetarium Office 30 minutes before show time or in advance on weekdays between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. The Planetarium is located on the southwest corner of West Main and Woodland Avenue in Visalia. It is housed in the Tulare County Office of Education’s Educational Enrichment Center at 2500 West Burrel Avenue. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Shows start promptly at 7:30 p.m. No late seating is offered once the planetarium doors close. For ticket information, call the Peña Planetarium at (559) 737-6334.

For more information about the Tulare County Office of Education and its programs, please call Robert Herman, Public Information Officer, at (559) 733-6606.

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