

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Alert**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Annual Cowboy Poetry Event Set for October 12, 2007**

**9:00 – 11:30 a.m. • TCOE's Doe Avenue Complex, Elderwood Room • 7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia**

Visalia – Nearly 100 fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth-grade students are expected to participate in the annual Cowboy Poetry event in the Elderwood Room at 7000 Doe Avenue in Visalia. The students will enjoy a full morning of cowboy poetry, music of the Old West and a Dutch oven cooking demonstration. Seven performers from Tulare County and other parts of the state will share songs, poems and stories.

Several of the performers are well known Western Music artists. **Sourdough Slim** from Chico, California, has performed at Carnegie Hall and was the 2001 winner of the Will Rogers Yodeler of the Year award. He plays the accordion and a multitude of stringed instruments. **Nancy Lee** from Santa Clarita, California, is a singer, songwriter and acoustic guitarist. She is also a contender for this year's Western Music Association Songwriter of the Year.

"The Cowboy Poetry event is fun way for students to learn about western U.S. history through song, verse and demonstration," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

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“It’s also a great way for teachers to combine Language Arts and history instruction in a memorable way.”

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