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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: CyberQuest Media Festival to Celebrate Tenth Anniversary November 17, 2007 • Visalia Convention Center • 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tulare County Office of Education is hosting its tenth annual CyberQuest Media Festival Saturday, November 17, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., at the Visalia Convention Center.

Students across the county have begun sharpening their research and computer skills in order to participate.

CyberQuest is a technology-based competition that provides teams of students in grades 3 - 12 the opportunity to consider complex issues, solve problems and communicate solutions. This year's theme is "Power of X," in recognition of the event's tenth anniversary. Student teams are given three weeks to prepare for the competition. On Monday, October 29, 2007, team coaches were given access to the presentation scenarios, which encourage students to use their history, science, language arts, drama, and math skills to create innovative solutions to the challenges presented. A unique scenario has been created for each of the grade levels from 3 – 8. Students in grades 9 – 12 share the same scenario. Scenarios can be viewed at:

www.tcoe.org/cyberquest/scenarios.htm

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Nearly 400 students are expected to showcase the skills essential to succeed in today's cyber-rich world. Teams gather information from the Internet, magazines, interviews, books, videos and other resources in order to research and develop recommendations for previously assigned scenarios. The recommendations are presented in multi-media formats and are evaluated by a panel of judges. Teams, whose presentations are judged as the best in their respective categories, are then awarded trophies and medals for superior work.

“CyberQuest is a remarkably challenging event that brings out the best problem-solving and creative-thinking abilities in our students,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “It’s amazing to see the sophisticated solutions to real-world challenges students are able to develop using available technology and resources.”

For further information about CyberQuest, visit the Tulare County Office of Education website at www.tcoe.org/cyberquest, or contact Glenn Williams at (559) 651-3047. For information on other programs or events, contact Robert Herman, Public Information Officer, at (559) 733-6606, or visit www.tcoe.org.

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