

Tulare County Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools

January 10, 2008

For Immediate Release

Contact: Rob Herman
Public Information Officer
(559) 733-6606 – office
(559) 303-8568 – cell

Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Academic Decathlon 2008

February 1, 2008, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Visalia Convention Center

February 2, 2008, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., College of the Sequoias (New Location for 2008)

The Tulare County Office of Education will host the **2008 Tulare County Academic Decathlon** on Friday and Saturday, February 1-2, 2008. This ten-event scholastic competition will feature 14 teams of Tulare County's best and brightest students representing ten high schools including: Dinuba High School; Farmersville High School; Granite Hills High School (Porterville); Lindsay High School; Monache High School (Porterville); Orosi High School; Porterville High School; Redwood High School (Visalia); Strathmore High School; and Woodlake High School.

Each team has six to nine members contending in the ten grueling events. Team members test their knowledge of subjects including economics, mathematics, music, art, language and literature, and science. In addition, the contestants present prepared and impromptu speeches, written essays on given topics and undergo interviews by a panel of judges.

The academic relay known as the "Super Quiz" is the final competitive event. This year's Super Quiz topic is "The Civil War." The Super Quiz round of competition takes place on Saturday at

- more -

Tulare County Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools

Page 2

2:00 p.m. at the College of the Sequoias and is open to the public. Immediately following the Super Quiz, a reception will be held to honor the students and their coaches. The awards ceremony announcing the top teams follows the reception and begins at 3:30 p.m.

“Academic Decathlon is a very competitive event with some strong rivalries among our schools,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “The Super Quiz competition is a great event for the public to enjoy.”

For more information about the Academic Decathlon, contact Carmen Friesen at (559) 651-3046 or visit our website at www.tcoe.org.

TCOE

Rel. 04/08