

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Annual Tulare County Spelling Championship

February 27, 2008 • Holiday Inn, Visalia • 9:00 a.m.

The Ninth Annual Tulare County Spelling Championship will begin at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 27, 2008, in the Valley Oak Center of the Holiday Inn, Visalia – located at 9000 W. Airport Drive. At this time, a record-breaking 86 public and private schools in Tulare County are sending two competitors and two alternates to the competition. The spellers, who are fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders, will compete for the opportunity to become the 2008 Tulare County Spelling Champion and advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. May 28-30, 2008.

Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak and the *Visalia Times-Delta/Tulare Advance-Register* annually partner to sponsor the event. “The Tulare County Spelling Championship is every bit as exciting as the National Bee, which millions of Americans enjoy watching on television. Again this year, one talented Tulare County speller will be crowned “Spelling Champion” and represent us at the national competition in Washington, D.C.,” says Jim Vidak.

The Tulare County Spelling Championship is open to the public. For more information, contact Robert Herman, Public Information Officer at 733-6606.

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