

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Sixth Annual Tulare County “College Offers Opportunities for Life” (COOL) Night at Two Venues

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. · Tuesday, March 4, 2008 · Visalia Convention Center Exhibit Hall

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. · Tuesday, April 1, 2008 · Monache High School, 960 N. Newcomb St. Porterville

Visalia: Middle school students and parents interested in learning more about high school, college and career options are invited to attend the annual College Offers Opportunities for Life (COOL) Night events in Visalia and Porterville. The Tulare County Office of Education will offer COOL Night on March 4, 2008, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Visalia Convention Center, and on April 1, 2008, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Monache High School in Porterville.

Similar in format to the Tulare County Office of Education College Night (a high school student event), COOL Night is geared toward middle-school students and their parents and is an ideal opportunity for them to explore topics of interest. The COOL Night format includes an “Opportunities Fair,” where young people can interact with adults representing numerous educational and professional fields. Additionally, students and parents can attend breakout sessions throughout the evening with topics ranging from college requirements and financial aid, to high school academics, athletics, student leadership and campus life.

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“COOL Night is designed to open the eyes of young people to courses of study and careers they can pursue,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “For parents, COOL Night offers a wide array of tools they will need to begin planning for high school, college and beyond.”

For information about COOL Night, contact Tom Byars, at (559) 651-0155 or by visiting www.tcoe.org/coolnight. For more information about the Tulare County Office of Education and its programs, contact Robert Herman at (559) 733-6606, or visit www.tcoe.org.

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