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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Academic Decathlon 2012

Individual Competitions (not open to the public): February 4, Porterville College
Team Super Quiz Event (open to the public): 2:45 p.m., February 4, Porterville College Gym
Awards Ceremony: February 6, 6:30 p.m., Porterville College

The Tulare County Office of Education will host the 2012 Tulare County Academic Decathlon, a 10-event, scholastic competition for teams of high school students on Saturday, February 4, 2012. Nineteen teams of Tulare County's brightest students will compete, representing Dinuba High School, El Diamante High School (Visalia), Granite Hills High School (Porterville), Harmony Magnet Academy (Strathmore), Monache High School (Porterville), Orosi High School, Porterville High School, Redwood High School (Visalia), Tulare Western High School and Woodlake High School.

Each team has six to nine members contending in 10 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.

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The academic relay known as the oral “Super Quiz” is the final competitive event. This year’s Super Quiz topic is “The Age of Empire.” The Super Quiz round of competition takes place on Saturday at 2:45 p.m. in the Porterville College gymnasium, and is open to the public.

Immediately following the Super Quiz is a reception to honor the students and their coaches.

The awards ceremony announcing the top teams will take place at Porterville College on Monday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m.

“Academic Decathlon is a very competitive event with some strong rivalries among our schools. I particularly enjoy the level of friendly competition and excitement that always surrounds the Super Quiz finale,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

For more information about the Academic Decathlon, contact Dr. Glenn Williams at (559) 651-3047.

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