

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **For Immediate Release**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Peña Planetarium offers two public shows in February**

**7:00 p.m., Friday evenings, February 3 & 24 • 2500 W. Burrel Ave., Visalia**

*Visalia* - The Sam B. Peña Planetarium, operated by the Tulare County Office of Education, will offer the following evening shows in February.

### **February 3, 7:00 p.m. – *The Explorers***

*The Explorers* focuses on the human spirit of exploration throughout time and space. The planetarium dome is used to identify constellations, to observe what daily motion can tell us about way-finding, and to study changes in the sky as the observer's latitude changes. During a live section in the program, the audience will get a chance to use their new knowledge to navigate from Tahiti to Hawai'i using techniques practiced by Polynesians for thousands of years. Then... it's on to Mars!

*The Explorers* is ideal for families with children in grades four and up.

### **February 24, 7:00 p.m. - *Earth, Moon and Sun (Full-Dome Video)***

How do the Earth, Moon and Sun work together as a system and what is the myth and science behind it? Why does the Sun rise and set? Why do we see different constellations during different

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seasons? What is an eclipse? *Earth, Moon and Sun* explains the Moon's phases and orbit and explores past and future space travel to our moon and beyond.

The Planetarium is located on the southwest corner of West Main Street and Woodland Drive in Visalia, in the Educational Enrichment Center. Tickets can be purchased at the Impact Center Office 30 minutes before show time or in advance on weekdays between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. **No late seating is offered once the planetarium doors close.** For information, call (559) 737-6334.

For more information about the Peña Planetarium, visit [www.tcoe.org/Planetarium](http://www.tcoe.org/Planetarium).

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