

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Annual Tulare County Spelling Championship

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 · Visalia Convention Center · 9:00 a.m.

The public is invited to the 13th Annual Tulare County Spelling Championship, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 22, 2012, in the Exhibit Hall of the **Visalia Convention Center** at 303 E. Acequia in downtown Visalia. At this time, 115 public and private schools in Tulare County are sending up to two of their best spellers to the competition. Nearly 230 spellers, who are fourth-, fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders, will compete for the opportunity to become the 2012 Tulare County Spelling Champion and advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. May 27 - June 1.

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, enjoyed by millions of Americans on television. Again this year, one talented Tulare County speller will be crowned “Spelling Champion” and represent our county at the national competition in Washington, D.C.,” says Jim Vidak.

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