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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Peña Planetarium offers two public shows in March

7:00 p.m., Friday evenings, March 16 & 23 • 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.

March 16, 7:00 p.m. – *Secret of the Cardboard Rocket*

Climb aboard a magical cardboard rocket with two young children and depart on an extraordinary ride through space. Experience a breathtaking, up-close look at our solar system's planets. You'll see each fascinating planet as never before, and find yourself hurtling toward the outer reaches of our solar system.

March 23, 7:00 p.m. – *Dawn of the Space Age*

From the launch of the first artificial satellite *Sputnik* to the magnificent lunar landings and privately-operated space flights, you'll be captivated by this most accurate historic reconstruction of man's first steps into space. *Weather permitting there will be a telescope observation site near the Planetarium after the show provided by the Tulare Astronomical Association.*

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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.

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