

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **For Immediate Release**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Tulare County Office of Education to host NorCal Science Olympiad at COS April 14**

**Competitions: 8:30 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. · Awards: 3:50 p.m.**

The Tulare County Office of Education will host the annual NorCal Science Olympiad state championship at the College of the Sequoias on Saturday, April 14. The championship will attract 52 middle and high school teams from eight Central Valley and northern California regions, including Bay Area Region, Fresno Region, Northern Sierra Region, Redding Region, Sacramento Region, San Joaquin Region, Stanislaus Region and Tulare Region.

Earlier this year, each region held a competition for their Division B (middle school) and Division C (high school) teams to select the top four schools to advance to the NorCal Science Olympiad.

The Tulare Region event was held March 10 at College of the Sequoias. The four top-scoring schools in the Tulare Region are:

### Division B

Green Acres Middle School (Visalia)

St. Aloysius School (Tulare)

Wilson Middle School (Exeter)

Los Tules Middle School (Tulare)

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## Division C

Redwood High School (Visalia)

Exeter High School

University Preparatory High School (Visalia)

Golden West High School (Visalia)

Science Olympiad tournaments are rigorous academic competitions consisting of a series of 23 individual and team events. Teams are comprised of 15 students who devote considerable time to prepare for the events. These events encompass the science disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics and technology. There is also a balance between science facts, processes, skills and applications. The Science Olympiad competitions are the largest K-12 Science education endeavor in United States. The top middle school and top high school teams at the NorCal Science Olympiad competition will represent Northern California at the National Competition to be held May 18-19, 2012, by the University of Central Florida in Orlando

Science Olympiad is an international non-profit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science, and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers.

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