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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Tulare County Science Olympiad continues April 21

Division A (Grades 3-6): El Diamante High School – April 21, 2012

The annual Science Olympiad event continues Saturday, April 21 with 31 teams from 19 Tulare County elementary schools competing for top prizes. The teams, representing Division A (grades 3-6), will gather at El Diamante High School in Visalia beginning at 8:30 a.m. Students in Division B (grades 6 – 9) and Division C (grades 9 – 12) competed at College of the Sequoias on March 5.

Throughout the morning, students will be launching water rockets, building towers, racing cars made from cans, and participating in fun-filled science activities. Individual competitions begin at 9:00 a.m. Individual and team awards will be presented at 12:45 p.m.

“Science Olympiad is a great program to excite young students about the fields of science, engineering, mathematics and technology,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “We appreciate the enthusiasm teachers, coaches and parent volunteers have for this program and for the interest it may spark in the minds of our future scientists.”

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Science Olympiad tournaments are rigorous academic competitions consisting of a series of 20 individual and team events. Teams are comprised of as many as 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.

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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