

# 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 public shows in October and November 7:00 p.m., Friday evenings, October 19, and November 2 & 16 • 2500 Burrel Ave., Visalia**

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

#### **October 19, 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, audiences will be captivated by this most accurate historic reconstruction of Man's first steps into space.

*Weather permitting, a telescope observation site near the Planetarium will be available after the show. The observation site is provided by the Tulare Astronomical Association.*

#### **November 2, 7:00 p.m. – *Earth, Moon and Sun***

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 seasons? What is an eclipse? Learn about the Moon's phases and orbit. Explore past and future space travel to our moon and beyond.

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## **November 16, 7:00 p.m. – *Wildest Weather in the Solar System***

Join us on a spectacular journey to witness the most beautiful, powerful, and mysterious weather phenomena in the solar system. From a storm the size of a 100-megaton hydrogen bomb to a 400-year-old hurricane to a dust tempest that could engulf entire planets, you'll be glad you live on Earth!

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The Planetarium is located in the Educational Enrichment Center on the southwest corner of West Main Street and Woodland Drive in Visalia. 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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