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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:
Peña Planetarium offers two evening shows March 7 & 21
Evening Shows: 7:00 p.m. and 8:15 p.m., Fridays, March 7 and 21
Peña Planetarium, 2500 Burrel Ave., Visalia**

Visalia – During the month of March, the Sam B. Peña Planetarium, operated by the Tulare County Office of Education, will offer visitors a choice of two programs during its Friday evening shows March 7 and 21.

March 7, 7:00 p.m. - *The Enchanted Reef*

The Enchanted Reef transports the audience to a tropical reef, a one-of-a-kind world: colorful and foreign, full of adventure and danger, riddles and mysteries, old legends and myths; a world inhabited by creatures that are humorous and courageous, lovable and bizarre, charming and dangerous. *The Enchanted Reef* is an exciting adventure for the whole family.

March 7, 8:15 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-

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old hurricane to a dust tempest that could engulf entire planets, you'll be glad you live on Earth!

March 21, 7:00 p.m. - *Secret of the Cardboard Rocket*

Climb aboard a magical cardboard rocket with two young adventurers and experience a breathtaking, up-close look at each of our Solar System's planets with guidance from their astronomy book.

March 21, 8:15 p.m. - *Two Small Pieces of Glass: The Amazing Telescope*

See how telescopes work and how the largest observatories in the world use these instruments to explore the mysteries of the universe.

The Planetarium is located at 2500 W. Burrel Ave. (in the Educational Enrichment Center) on the southwest corner of West Main Street and Woodland Drive in Visalia. Tickets are available at the Planetarium office only between noon and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the show. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Visitors may choose to see one show or both. However, each show requires the purchase of a separate ticket. **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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