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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Peña Planetarium offers evening and matinee shows April 4 & 16

Evening Shows: 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 4

Evening Shows: 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 16

Peña Planetarium, 2500 Burrel Ave., Visalia

Visalia – During the month of April, the Sam B. Peña Planetarium, operated by the Tulare County Office of Education, will offer visitors a choice of several evening and matinee shows.

Evening Show: April 4, 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.

Evening Show: April 4, 8:00 p.m. – *Saturn: Jewel of the Heavens*

From its bizarre moons with mysterious features to the millions of icy particles that compose the enigmatic rings, this program features a three-dimensional tour of the Saturnian system that includes information about our solar system.

Matinee Show: April 16, 1:00 p.m. - *Perfect Little Planet*

Discover our solar system through a new set of eyes - a family from another star system seeking the perfect vacation spot. Fly over the surface of Pluto, dive over the ice cliffs of Miranda, sail through

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the rings of Saturn, feel the lightning storms at Jupiter, and walk on the surface of Mars. This is the solar system journey for space travelers of all ages.

Matinee Show: April 16, 2:00 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.

Matinee Show: April 16, 3:00 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.

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. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Visitors may choose to see one or more shows listed on the daily schedules. 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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