

# 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 evening shows May 9 & 30 Peña Planetarium, 2500 Burrel Ave., Visalia**

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

#### **May 9, 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.

#### **May 9, 8:00 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, you'll be captivated by this most accurate historic reconstruction of Man's first steps into space.

#### **May 30, 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.

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**May 30, 8:15 p.m. – *Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity***

Experience the creation of the Milky Way Galaxy, and witness the violent death of a star and subsequent birth of a black hole. Mathematical equations, cutting-edge science, and Einstein's theories fill in holes along the way.

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](http://www.tcoe.org/planetarium).

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