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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Peña Planetarium offers public shows September 5 & 6 Peña Planetarium, 2500 Burrel Ave., Visalia

Visalia – This week, the Sam B. Peña Planetarium, operated by the Tulare County Office of Education, will offer visitors a choice of Friday evening and Saturday matinee shows.

September 5, 7:00 p.m. - *Kaluoka'Hina: The Enchanted Reef*

This program transports the viewer to a tropical reef – a one-of-a-kind world that is colorful and foreign. The reef is full of adventure and danger, riddles and mysteries, old legends and myths. It's also 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!

September 5, 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.

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September 6, 2:00 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 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.

September 6, 3:00 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!

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 beginning at noon 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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