

# Tulare County Office of Education

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### **Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Peña Planetarium offers Holiday double-feature December 12 7:00 p.m., Peña Planetarium, 2500 Burrel Ave., Visalia**

*Visalia* – The Sam B. Peña Planetarium, operated by the Tulare County Office of Education, will offer a special Holiday double-feature on Friday evening, December 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m..

The presentation begins with *Mystery of the Christmas Star* in the Peña Planetarium. This modern reference to the traditional Christmas story investigates possible dates for the birth of Christ and looks at recorded sightings of significant astronomical events during this important time in history. What signs in the sky might have been so intriguing as to cause three wise men to cross a desert in search of a newborn King? *Mystery of the Christmas Star* will answer all of these questions and more, while charming audiences of all ages.

Following the planetarium show, the audience will be invited to the History Theater for *Christmas Traditions Around the World*. Christmas customs and winter season traditions from around the world are examined in this special holiday presentation. Audience members will learn that, although people in different countries do not celebrate this festive occasion in the same way, it is always a very special time of the year for people all around the world.

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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 for the double-feature 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. **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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