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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Peña Planetarium offers two December shows December 4 and 11, 7:00 p.m., Peña Planetarium, 11535 Avenue 264, Visalia

Visalia – The public is invited to see two public shows this month at the new Tulare County Office of Education Planetarium & Science Center. The building is located at 11535 Avenue 264 on the former Liberty School site.

December 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.

December 11 Double Feature, 7:00 p.m., *Christmas Traditions Around the World*

and *Mystery of the Christmas Star*

Christmas Traditions Around the World explores the different winter season traditions people across the globe celebrate at this time of the year. *Mystery of the Christmas Star* investigates the possible

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dates for the birth of Christ and looks at the historical sightings of major astronomical events which so intrigued three wise men to cross a desert in search of a newborn King.

The new Planetarium & Science Center is located at 11535 Avenue 264 in Visalia, on the **southwest corner of Mooney Boulevard and Avenue 264**. Tickets are available at the Planetarium office **only after 5:00 p.m. on the day of the show**. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 11 and under. Children 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.

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