

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Advisory**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Peña Planetarium offers evening and matinee shows in February and March**

**Peña Planetarium in the Tulare County Office of Education Planetarium & Science Center,  
11535 Avenue 264, Visalia**

*Visalia* – During the months of February and March, the Sam B. Peña Planetarium, operated by the Tulare County Office of Education, will offer visitors a choice of two evening shows and two matinee shows, ideal for younger audiences.

### **EVENING SHOWS**

#### **February 19, 7:00 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.

#### **March 11, 7:00 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!

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## **MATINEE SHOWS**

### **March 23, 1:30 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.

### **March 23, 3:00 p.m. – *Two Small Pieces of Glass: The Amazing Telescope***

See how telescopes work and how the largest observatories in the world use these instruments to explore the mysteries of the universe.

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 evening show and only after 12:00 p.m. on the day of the matinees**. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 11 and under. Visitors may choose to see one or both matinees listed on the schedule. However, each show requires the purchase of a separate ticket. 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](http://www.tcoe.org/planetarium).

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