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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Final segment of Science Olympiad this Saturday

Division A: El Diamante High School, Visalia – April 9, 2016

The Tulare County Science Olympiad continues April 9 with the competition for **Division A** (elementary school students) on the campus of **El Diamante High School in Visalia**. Over 300 students (grades 3 through 6) from 22 Tulare County schools will be building solar collectors, catapulting tennis balls, dropping eggs to see if they survive, and participating in fun-filled science activities and written tests. The Division A event begins with individual competitions at 9:00 a.m. Individual and team awards will be presented at 12:45 p.m.

Science Olympiad tournaments are rigorous academic competitions consisting of a series of individual and team events. These events encompass the science disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics and technology. There is also a balance between science facts, processes, skills and applications. Locally, hundreds of students compete in the annual competitions. The Science Olympiad is divided into three divisions: Division A (grades 3 – 6); Division B (grades 6 – 9); and Division C (grades 9 – 12). **The Division B/C competition was held Saturday, March 5** at Mission Oak High School in Tulare.

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“Science Olympiad competitions demand a great deal of preparation,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “We appreciate the coaches and parents who help prepare students for these events.”

Science Olympiad is an international non-profit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science, and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers.

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