

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Advisory**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Peña Planetarium offers additional shows September 23, October programs also offered**

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

*Visalia* – During the months of September and October, the Sam B. Peña Planetarium, operated by the Tulare County Office of Education, will offer visitors a choice of three evening shows. For September 23, the 7:00 p.m. showing of *Earth, Moon and Sun* has been sold out. Additional shows at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. have been added for this date only. On September 23, tickets will be available after 5:00 p.m. for the two shows offered that evening, as well as for the shows scheduled for October 7 and October 21.

### **September 23, 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. – *Earth, Moon and Sun***

**(The previously-scheduled 7:00 p.m. show is sold out)**

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.

### **October 7, 7:00 p.m. – *Back to the Moon for Good***

Immerse yourself in a race to return to the Moon 40 years after the historic Apollo landings. See how a competition among privately-funded international teams is ushering in a new era of lunar exploration. Learn about

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the Moon's resources and discover what humanity's future on the Moon might hold. Narrated by Tim Allen, *Back to the Moon for Good* presents the Google Lunar XPRIZE, and the personal stories of competition and collaboration it inspires.

## **October 21, 7:00 p.m. – *From Earth to the Universe* (New planetarium show!)**

The night sky, both beautiful and mysterious, has been the subject of campfire stories, ancient myths and inspiration for as long as there have been people on Earth. A desire to comprehend the Universe may well be humanity's oldest shared intellectual experience. Yet only recently have we truly begun to grasp our place in the vast cosmos. To learn about this journey of celestial discovery, from the theories of the ancient Greek astronomers to today's grandest telescopes, we invite you to experience *From Earth to 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 for all scheduled shows are available at the Planetarium office only after 5:00 p.m. on show days. 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.

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