

Tulare County Office of Education

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Media Advisory

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Peña Planetarium offers afternoon shows April 12 and an evening show April 21

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

Visalia – The Sam B. Peña Planetarium, operated by the Tulare County Office of Education, is offering four afternoon shows Wednesday, April 12, which falls in the middle of many Tulare County students' spring break. On Friday, April 21, the public can attend an evening showing of *Back to the Moon for Good*.

April 12, 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 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.

April 12, 1:00 & 3:00 p.m. - *Kaluoka'Hina: The Enchanted Reef*

This program transports the viewer to a tropical reef – a one-of-a-kind world that is colorful and foreign. The reef is full of adventure and danger, riddles and mysteries, old legends and myths. It's also a world inhabited by creatures that are humorous and courageous, lovable and bizarre, charming and dangerous. *The Enchanted Reef* is an exciting adventure for the whole family!

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April 21, 6:00, 7:00 & 8:00 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 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.

The Planetarium & Science Center is located at 11535 Avenue 264 in Visalia, on the southwest corner of Mooney Boulevard and Avenue 264. **Tickets for shows scheduled on April 12** are available at the Planetarium office only after 11:00 a.m. on the day of the shows. **Tickets for shows scheduled on April 21** are available at the Planetarium office only after 5:00 p.m. on the day of the shows. 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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