

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Advisory**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Peña Planetarium offers February & March shows**

**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 evening public shows on select Friday evenings in February and March.

### **February 8, 6:00 & 7:00 p.m. – *Secret of the Cardboard Rocket***

Climb aboard a magical cardboard rocket with two young adventurers and experience a breathtaking, up-close look at each of our Solar System's planets with guidance from their astronomy book. Discover the secret to making this seemingly impossible trip to the edges of the universe and back, and gain a new sense of wonder about space along the way!

### **March 1, 6:00 & 7:00 p.m. – *Dawn of the Space Age***

From the launch of the first artificial satellite Sputnik to the magnificent lunar landings and privately-operated space flights, you'll be captivated by this most accurate historic reconstruction of Man's first steps into space.

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**March 15, 6:00 & 7:00 p.m. – *Saturn: Jewel of the Heavens***

Once a planet of great mystery, now we know more than ever before about its amazing system of rings, moons and storms thanks to modern robotic space pioneers. From its bizarre moons with mysterious features to the millions of icy particles that compose the enigmatic rings, this is a three-dimensional tour of the Saturnian system.

**March 29, 6:00 & 7:00 p.m. – *Two Small Pieces of Glass: The Amazing Telescope***

While looking through the astronomer's telescope, the planetarium audience explores the Galilean Moons, Saturn's rings, and the spiral structure of galaxies, learning about the discoveries of Galileo, Huygens, Newton, Hubble and many others. This program traces the history of the telescope from Galileo's modifications to a child's spyglass - using two small pieces of glass - to the launch of NASA's Hubble Space Telescope and the future of astronomy.

The 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 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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