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Media Alert

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Annual Tulare County Science Olympiad

Divisions B & C: Mission Oak High School, 3442 E. Bardsley, Tulare – March 2, 2019

Division A: Mission Oak High School, 3442 E. Bardsley, Tulare – April 27, 2019

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 regional 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 **Divisions B and C Competition** (for middle and high school students) will be held on the **Mission Oak High School campus in Tulare, Saturday, March 2, 2019**. Over 400 students will compete on 29 middle and high school teams. Students from sixth through twelfth grades will be examining fossils, building bridges, launching rockets and gilders, piloting robotic vehicles, solving crimes, acting as “disease detectives,” and participating in a variety of engaging scientific explorations. The Division B and C events begin with opening ceremonies at 8:15 a.m. in the Mission Oak quad. Competitions will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the awards ceremony

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scheduled for approximately 3:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Individual and team awards are presented, with the top four schools advancing to the NorCal State Science competition.

Division A (for elementary school students) will be held at **Mission Oak High School in Tulare**, on Saturday, **April 27**. Students from third through sixth grades will be building circuits, testing the elasticity of “gunk,” dropping eggs to see if they survive, launching catapults and participating in fun-filled science activities. The Division A event begins with individual competitions at 9:00 a.m. Individual and team awards will be presented at approximately 1:15 p.m. in the gymnasium.

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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