

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Advisory**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Fifth Annual STEAM Expo March 9**

Saturday, March 9, 2019 ▪ 8:30 am – 3:30 pm ▪ TCOE Planetarium & Science Center,  
11535 Avenue 264, Visalia

On Saturday, March 9, the community is invited to celebrate everything about science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) at the annual STEAM Expo – one of the largest family science festivals in the Central Valley. Now in its fifth year, the event is designed to engage students and families in learning about educational and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics.

This year, the free Expo will provide students and their families with fun and engaging activities to build their STEAM-related knowledge, including visiting the annual Tulare County Science & Engineering Fair with over 50 entries from students vying for a chance to compete at the California State Science Fair. The Expo will also include coding and hands-on art activities, a robotics exhibition, and a makerspace. Visitors will also have the opportunity to hear speaker presentations and visit vendor and exhibitor booths. Representatives from seven community organizations, including the National Park Service and the UC Master Gardeners, will give short, 10-minute career presentations to students and parents.

New this year is a student art contest held in partnership with the SCICON outdoor education program. The purpose of the contest is to provide art to update educational display boards utilized at SCICON's outdoor classrooms.

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Middle school and high school students, groups or classes will have their projects judged at the STEAM Expo and winners will be announced during the Science & Engineering Fair awards ceremony. The winning projects will be adapted to 4' x 4' educational boards displayed at SCICON and unveiled at the SCICON BBQ & Wildflower Festival on April 14.

The STEAM Expo is a free, open house-style event for families with children of all ages. For more information, contact Jared Marr or Paula Terrill at (559) 651-3031.

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