

# Tulare County Office of Education

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### **Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Fourth Annual CyberQuest Media Festival, November 10 Visalia Convention Center, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm**

More than seventy-five teams of students are firing up their computers to participate in the fourth annual Tulare County **CyberQuest** contest on Saturday, November 10 at the Visalia Convention Center. Organized by the Tulare County Office of Education's Instructional Services Division, **CyberQuest** is an event where student teams research a problem, create a multimedia presentation, and then present to a panel of judges -- all within a two-week period. Students use the Internet, magazines, interviews, books, videos and other forms of information to put their presentations together. The research skills they use are based on the "Big Six Information Skills" – standards of research organization developed by the California Schools Library Association.

Students are divided into grade categories from grades 3 through 12. Event organizers from the Tulare County Office of Education give the student teams, within each category, research topics. At the competition, the teams present to judges and the public at the Visalia Convention Center. Once entries are judged, trophies are given to the winning teams.

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County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak praises the competition saying, “In terms of problem solving and creative thinking, **CyberQuest** hits the mark. I’m delighted to see students, when challenged with a real-world problem, using today’s tools to solve it. **CyberQuest** is a fine model for teaching critical thinking to future generations of business and community leaders.”

The students will present their work on Saturday, November 18, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Visalia Convention Center. The event is open to the public. For further information about **CyberQuest**, contact Glenn Williams at 651-3047.

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