

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Annual Tulare County Science Olympiad College of the Sequoias – March 16, 2002**

The Tulare County Science Olympiad, planned for Saturday, March 16 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at the College of the Sequoias, is a rigorous academic competition consisting of a series of individual and team events. "The Science Olympiad is an impressive event," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak, "because these students are using their own time in the pursuit of scientific discovery." Third through twelfth grade students will be launching rockets, building bridges, solving science crimes, designing experiments and participating in a variety of engaging scientific explorations. Not only will students be vying for individual honors, but also attempting to be one of the top three teams to advance to the state competition. The competition will begin at 8:30 am throughout the campus with the awards ceremony scheduled for 2:15 pm.

Locally, over 400 students from more than 25 schools compete in the competition. Individual and team awards are presented with the top three teams in the middle school and high school divisions advancing to the Northern California State Science Competition. The state competition, scheduled for April 13, will be hosted by the Tulare County Office of Education!

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