

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Advisory**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Sixth Annual STEAM Expo March 14**

Saturday, March 14, 2020 ▪ 10:00 am – 3:00 pm ▪ TCOE Planetarium & Science Center,  
11535 Avenue 264, Visalia

On Saturday, March 14, 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 sixth 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 80 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. Attendees will also have the opportunity to visit Community Exhibitors and participate in a variety of Activity Stations.

**Community Exhibitors** scheduled to attend include US Army Corps of Engineers, Lake Kaweah; US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Flying Eagle Squadron; Porterville College Foundation Science, Mathematics and Resource Technology (SMART) Lab; Playzeum of Central California; National Park Service; Sequoia Riverlands Trust;

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Circle J-Norris Ranch; National Weather Service; Tulare County Sheriff's Office; Visalia Rawhide Baseball Club; UC Master Gardeners; and Discovery of Learning, Visalia

**Activity Stations** will include rocket launches, cardboard challenge, shape bubble, monoprinting, nature tracing, collaborative chalk drawing, virtual reality headsets, Ozobots and Spheros programmable robots, and a green screen photo booth.

The STEAM Expo is a free, open house-style event for families with children of all ages. For more information, contact Paula Terrill at (559) 651-0565.

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