

# 24-25 Calendar of Student *Future Ready* Events



*NHD-Tulare County*



*Growing Health Leaders*



*Lip Sync Contest*



*Character Counts at Rawhide*

Tulare County  
Office of Education

*Tim A. Hire, County Superintendent of Schools*

[tcoe.org/StudentEvents](http://tcoe.org/StudentEvents)

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The information in this booklet was finalized July 19, 2024. Any changes to the dates and/or locations of TCOE student events will be posted at [tcoe.org/StudentEvents](https://tcoe.org/StudentEvents). You are encouraged to check this webpage for updates on contacts, coaches' meetings, deadlines, and registration information.

## TCOE Student Events and the California State Standards

TCOE has always promoted student event participation as an avenue to providing a well-rounded educational experience. Now, we are able to further emphasize the importance of student events by directly aligning them to our 21st century standards. These focused and rigorous standards define the knowledge and skills students need for success in college and career. The standards call for an integrated curriculum that challenges students to think in complex ways and to apply the knowledge and skills they have acquired. Evidence of such learning can be demonstrated through the completion of a variety of assigned tasks, including TCOE Student *Future Ready* Events.

When applicable, TCOE Student *Future Ready* Events are coded in one or both of the following manners:

- Alignment to the College and Career Readiness (CCR) Anchor Standards, Mathematical Practices (MP), Science and Engineering Practices (SEP) in the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and/or Artistic Processes in the California Arts Standards (CAS). Refer to the back of this booklet for CCR Anchor Standards, Mathematical Practices, Science and Engineering Practices and Artistic Processes in their entirety.
- Identification of the type of task associated with the event
  - Presentation: information is orally conveyed
  - Performance: a dramatic interpretation is included
  - Project: a product is produced prior to the day of the event
  - Problem Solving: a recommendation or solution is provided

Scan the QR code to find more information on the anchor standards referenced in this brochure.



## Gas Company Challenge - September-December

Tulare and Kings high school students are invited to develop a business proposal addressing climate solutions within their communities in Tulare and Kings counties. This project will launch in the fall with the final presentations being presented on December 3, 2024. (Grades 9-12)

**Project Launch: September 25, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Online Zoom** **No fee**

**Final Presentations: December 3, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

Contact: Emilia Wade at (559) 302-3670, ext. 3119, or emilia.wade@tcoe.org.

## Step Up Youth Challenge - September-April

The Step Up Youth Challenge takes place over the course of the school year, providing an opportunity for middle and high school teams to complete a project that will have a positive impact on their school and community (Grades 6-8 and 9-12).

**Challenge Advisor Training (mandatory): September 25, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.** **No fee**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

**Youth Summit (training for student teams): November 13-14**

**November 13 (middle school teams) and November 14 (high school teams)**

**9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with lunch provided and complementary gaming for all**

**teams from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**McDermott X, 365 N Sweetbriar Ave., Lindsay**

**Project Presentation Day: March 26, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

**Red Carpet Awards: April 24, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

Contact: Kelley Petty at (559) 740-4303, or kelleyp@tcoe.org

tcoe.org/StepUp

## College Night - September 10

An event for high school students and their parents who want to learn more about preparing for, and applying to, colleges. University and college representatives from around the country will be available to answer questions. (Grades 9-12)

**September 10, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**No fee**

**Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia, Visalia**

Contact: Paula Terrill at (559) 651-0565, or paula.terrill@tcoe.org

tcoe.org/CollegeNight

## TUPE/FNL Leadership Conference - September 19

A training event for middle school students identified as campus leaders. Selected students learn how to engage fellow classmates in activities that encourage healthy choices and how to implement their training at school. (Grades 6-8)

**September 19, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**No fee**

**Visalia Adventure Park, 5600 W. Cypress Ave., Visalia**

Contact: Brittaney Quinonez at (559) 651-0155, or brittaney.quinonez@tcoe.org

## SCICON Open House - September 22

SCICON staff hosts an open house each year so that parents of sixth-grade students preparing for a trip to the outdoor education campus can tour the program. Families are welcome to bring picnic lunches. SCICON staff is available to answer questions. (Grade 6)

**September 22, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**No fee**

**SCICON Campus, 41569 Bear Creek Rd., Springville**

Contact: Dianne Shew at (559) 539-2642, or dshe@tcoe.org

## Tulare-Kings Trades Day - September 26

The Tulare-Kings Trades Day is a day of career exploration for high school students. The event introduces participants to industry career opportunities in construction, design, subcontracting, heavy equipment, engineering, and other skilled trades. Over 25 partners from the trades, industry, training and post-secondary programs will join together to provide hands-on activities for students to explore their industry, teaching skills such as hammering, concrete mixing, roofing, welding and more! (Grades 9-12)

**September 26, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**No fee**

**Porterville Fairgrounds, 2700 Teapot Dome Ave., Porterville**

Contact: Shelsy Hutchison at (559) 733-6101, ext. 1123, or shelsy.hutchison@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/CollegeandCareer/TradesDay

## Cardboard Challenge - October

The Global Cardboard Challenge was inspired by the short film entitled Caine's Arcade and is a worldwide celebration of childhood creativity and the role communities can play in fostering it. TCOE encourages Tulare County students to participate in the Challenge by spending creative time at home or in the classroom engineering their own cardboard creations, then sharing pictures with TCOE to possibly be included on the Cardboard Challenge website. This Cardboard Challenge engages students in the 4Cs of 21st century learning: critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication. (All grades)  
Contact: Juliana Davidian at (559) 651-3003, or juliana.davidian@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/CardboardChallenge

## CHARACTER COUNTS! Week - October 21-27

A week-long celebration of the principles of CHARACTER COUNTS! in partnership with the *Visalia Times-Delta/Tulare Advance-Register*. Tulare County schools and communities participate by nominating students of good character. Top honorees will be featured throughout the week in the newspapers. (All grades)

**Nominations accepted August 21 - September 27**

**No fee**

**online at <https://kidsofcharacter.tcoe.org>**

**Provident-Salierno Family Foundation Awards Reception:**

**Wednesday, November 6, 6:00 p.m.**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

**Students selected for a profile on KSEE24's *Your Character Matters* will be honored at a dinner Monday, May 19, 6:00 p.m.**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

Contact: Kelley Petty at (559) 740-4303, or kelleyp@tcoe.org

October

## Tulare County Red Ribbon Celebration - October 24

Through a partnership between the Tulare County Office of Education, the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, and a myriad of other county and city resources, the Red Ribbon Celebration event allows students and families to participate in safe, educational, and fun activities without the use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs. In addition, the event showcases positive choices and opportunities for the youth of the Valley. (All grades)

**October 24, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**No fee**

**Valley Strong Ballpark, 300 N. Giddings St., Visalia**

Contact: Alisha Montoya at (559) 651-0155, ext. 3625, or [alisha.montoya@tcoe.org](mailto:alisha.montoya@tcoe.org)

## Expanding Your Horizons - October 26

A conference for young women to learn about career opportunities in the STEM fields: science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The event provides students personal contacts with women working in STEM careers. (Grades 4-8)

**October 26, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Fee: \$20/student**

**College of the Sequoias, 915 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

Contact: Paula Terrill at (559) 651-0565, or [paula.terrill@tcoe.org](mailto:paula.terrill@tcoe.org)  
tcoe.org/EYH

November

## Anti-Bullying Conference - November 7

Open to students in middle and high school, this conference is designed to empower attendees to develop safe, inclusive, and supportive schools. The event features a keynote speaker and breakout sessions on topics of diversity, building resiliency, creating cultures of kindness, teamwork, making healthy choices, leadership, and self-advocacy. (Grades 6-12)

**November 7, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**No fee**

**Galaxy Theatres, 1575 Retherford St., Tulare**

Contact: Brittaney Quinonez at (559) 651-0155, or [brittaney.quinonez@tcoe.org](mailto:brittaney.quinonez@tcoe.org)

## Theatre Company Fall Musical - November 21-23

### *Willy Wonka KIDS and Alice in Wonderland JR*

The Theatre Company offers classes and performance opportunities to all Tulare County youth. Fall semester workshops culminate in a full-scale production. There are minimal course fees for classes and productions (scholarships are available). (Grades 1-12)

**Please visit [tcoe.org/TheatreCo/callboard](http://tcoe.org/TheatreCo/callboard) or TCOE social media platforms for updates.**

**Fee: \$85/student**

**Five performances including a school show Friday morning, November 21-23**

**Evening shows at 7:00 p.m., Saturday matinee at 2:00 p.m., Rotary Theater, 330 S. Dollner St., Visalia**

Contact: Bethany Rader at (559) 651-1482, ext. 3372, or [bethany.rader@tcoe.org](mailto:bethany.rader@tcoe.org)

## Mock Trial - January 21 - February 11

This competition allows high school students to learn about the content and processes of the law. Through role-playing, studying a case, and preparing strategies and arguments for trial, students increase public speaking skills, analytic ability, and team cooperation. Local attorneys serve as judges and advisors. Winners advance to the California Mock Trial Finals. (Grades 9-12)

**Coaches' Meeting, October 1, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Online Zoom Fee: \$500/team**

**Competition Rounds: January 21, 23, 28 & 30, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Tulare County Superior Courthouse, 221 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

**Seni-Finals: February 4, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Tulare County Superior Courthouse, 300 E. Olive, Porterville**

**Finals: February 11, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Granite Hills High School Justice Center, 1701 E. Putnam Ave., Porterville**

Contact: Paula Terrill at (559) 651-0565, or paula.terrill@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/MockTrial

## Academic Decathlon - January 22, 25, 28 & February 1

A competition for high school students featuring a series of 10 academic tests and demonstrations, including art, economics, a written essay, an interview, language and literature, math, music, social science, speech, and a Super Quiz. Students compete in teams or as individuals. Winners compete in the California Academic Decathlon. (Grades 9-12)

**Coaches' Meeting, September 26, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Online Zoom Fee: \$600/team**

**Online Scrimmage, November 14,**

**Online Essay Competition, January 22,**

**Speech and Interview Competition, January 25, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney, Visalia**

**Online Objective Testing, January 28**

**Super Quiz and Awards Ceremony, February 1, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney, Visalia**

Contact: Paula Terrill at (559) 651-0565, or paula.terrill@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/AcademicDecathlon

## Poetry Live – February 7

Poetry Live! is a new series of events that offers students in grades 6-12 the opportunity to not only recite poems written by great poets, but to write and recite their own original works as well. Poetry Live! will feature three events that students can choose to participate in: Poetry Out Loud, Poetry Out Loud Junior and Poet's Own Voice. (Grades 6-12)

**Friday, February 7, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.,**

**No fee**

**Arts Consortium, 340 E. Oak Ave., Ste. 112, Visalia**

Contact: Paula Terrill at (559) 651-0565, or paula.terrill@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/PoetryLive

## National History Day-Tulare County - February 13

National History Day makes history come alive for Tulare County students by engaging them in the discovery of the historic, cultural and social experiences of the past as they connect them to the future. NHD-TC inspires students through exciting county, state, and national competitions and transforms teaching through project-based learning curriculum and instruction. (Grades 4-12)

**October 3, Coaches' Meeting**

**Fee: \$20/student**

**Finals, February 13, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

**Feedback Day (for champions): Thursday, February 20, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

Contact: Paula Terrill at (559) 651-0565, or paula.terrill@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/HistoryDay

## Circle J-Norris Ranch Field Science Day - February 14

The Field Science Day is open to classes of middle and high school students, and community college students. Come conduct original research and collect data on vernal pool ecosystems, measure water levels, and monitor the animals that depend on the pools. Reservations required. (Grade 7-12)

**February 14, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**No Fee**

**Circle J-Norris Ranch, 41893 Yokohl Valley Dr., Springville**

Contact: Amanda Driver at (559) 539-2263, or circlej@tcoe.org

## Huddle: High School Student-Athlete Conference - February 24

A conference for high school student athletes, the Student Athlete Huddle is designed to help participants develop leadership skills they can use in team building, positive communications, and goal setting. The conference features a dynamic keynote speaker and breakout sessions. (Grades 9-12)

**February 24, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**No fee**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

Contact: Kelley Petty at (559) 740-4303, or kelleyp@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/PVWH/Conference

## Anti-Tobacco/Marijuana Challenge Bowl - February 25

Students participate in a game show-style competition, answering questions on topics including the tobacco industry and the health effects of smoking. The event gives students valuable information about the dangers of tobacco and marijuana – before they enter middle school and are presented with the temptation to smoke. (Grades 6-7)

**February 25, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**No fee**

**Galaxy Theatres, 1575 Retherford St., Tulare**

Contact: Brittaney Quinonez at (559) 651-0155, or brittaney.quinonez@tcoe.org

## Student Art Exhibition - March

The annual Student Art Exhibition showcases the county's talented young artists. Artwork submitted in a digital format will be displayed in a public online gallery during the month of March, which is Arts Education. (Grades PK-12)

**Registration due: November 1**

**No fee**

**Artwork submission and forms due: December 2**

**Virtual exhibition opens March 3**

Contact: Juliana Davidian at (559) 651-3003, or juliana.davidian@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/StudentArt

## Tulare County Science Fair featuring STEAM Expo - March 1

Students in grades 3-12 may participate in the Tulare County Science & Engineering Fair portion of the event. The top winners in this competition (grades 6-12) qualify for the California Science and Engineering Fair. The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Expo allows students, families, and community members to participate in a variety of STEAM-related activities. Informational booths and hands-on activities will be available throughout the day. (Grades 3-12)

**Tulare County Science & Engineering Fair event**

**Fee: \$20/project**

**STEAM Expo**

**Free to the public**

**March 1, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd. and TCOE Planetarium & Science Center, 11535 Ave. 264, Visalia**

Contact: Paula Terrill at (559) 651-0565, or paula.terrill@tcoe.org for Science Fair information; Juliana Davidian at (559) 651-3003, or juliana.davidian@tcoe.org for Expo information.  
tcoe.org/STEAMExpo

## Tulare County Spelling Championship - March 6

Students in grades 4-8 face off in a virtual, oral spelling competition. Schools hold their own spelling bees and select students to attend the county-wide championship. The county champion has the opportunity to go on to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. (Grades 4-8)

**March 6, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Fee: \$45/school**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

Contact: Brook Killingsworth at (559) 733-6326, or brookk@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/SpellingBee

## Science Olympiad (Division B/C) - March 8

Individual students and teams compete in events focusing on the various science disciplines. Events balance science facts, processes, skills, and science applications. The top four middle and high school teams advance to the NorCal State Science Olympiad. (Division B - Grades 6-9; Division C - Grades 9-12)

**Coaches' Meeting, September 16, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.,**

**TCOE Doe Complex, Sycamore Room, 7000 Doe Ave., Visalia**

**March 8, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Fee: \$200/team**

**Location TBA**



March

Contact: Paula Terrill at (559) 651-0565, or paula.terrill@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/ScienceOlympiad

## Circle J-Norris Ranch Biodiversity Festival - March 8

Join us for a day of nature exploration with activities for the whole family: BioBlitz, wildlife habitat planting, guided nature walks, birding, hiking, and much more. This event is bilingual and co-sponsored with Alianza Ecologista. Registration required.

**March 8, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**No fee**

**Location: Circle J-Norris Ranch, 41893 Yokohl Valley Dr., Springville**

Contact: Amanda Driver, (559) 539-2263, or circlej@tcoe.org

## Growing Health Leaders Conference - March 20

Growing Health Leaders is the TK Healthcare Partnership's annual conference focusing on career exploration for High School students in healthcare pathway programs. Students will attend multiple sessions led by industry professionals of in-demand health occupations. (Grades 9-10)

**March 20, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**No fee**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

Contact: Shelsy Hutchison at (559) 733-6101, ext. 1123, or shelsy.hutchison@tcoe.org

## Poetry and Prose - March 25-28 & April 1, 3 & 4

Students present poetry to a public audience and judges at this county-wide oral interpretation event. Oral and written assessments are offered to each student, along with personalized certificates denoting their rank of Superior, Excellent, Very Good, or Good. (Grades K-8)

**March 25-28 and April 1, 3 & 4, 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m., & 1:00 p.m**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

**No fee**

Contact: Brook Killingsworth at (559) 733-6326, or brookk@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/PNP

## Math Super Bowl - March 27

Middle school students participate in a day-long series of mathematical challenges. Students compete for individual and team awards. (Grades 7-8)

**March 27, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Fee: \$45/team**

**Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia, Visalia**

Contact: Paula Terrill at (559) 651-0565, or paula.terrill@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/MathSuperBowl

April

## Young Authors' Faire - April

Student authors submit their work and then participate in reading and commenting on the work of other students. Parents, teachers, and members of the community also read and comment on the submitted work. (Grades K-8)

**Online registration due: January 31**

**No fee**

**Books due: February 28**

**Virtual exhibition opens April 1**

Contact: Juliana Davidian at (559) 651-3003, or juliana.davidian@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/YoungAuthorsFaire

## Huddle Jr.: Middle School Student-Athlete Conference - April 2

A conference for middle school student-athletes, the Huddle is designed to help participants develop leadership skills they can use in team building, positive communications, and goal setting. The conference features a dynamic keynote speaker and breakout sessions incorporating Pursuing Victory with Honor principles.

**April 2, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**No fee**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

Contact: Kelley Petty at (559) 740-4303, or [kelleyp@tcoe.org](mailto:kelleyp@tcoe.org)

[tcoe.org/PVWH/Conference](http://tcoe.org/PVWH/Conference)

## Tulare-Kings College and Career EXPO - April 4

The College and Career EXPO provides students the opportunity to compete in college- and career-oriented competitions and spend some time on a college campus. College and Career EXPO builds upon the momentum that students and schools are creating in college and career awareness, exploration, and preparation. The event is open to all students in academies or pathways. (Grades 9-12)

**Friday, April 4, 8:30 a.m - 2:00 p.m.**

**No fee**

**College of the Sequoias Visalia and Tulare campuses**

Contact: Shelsy Hutchison at (559) 733-6101, ext. 1123, or [shelsy.hutchison@tcoe.org](mailto:shelsy.hutchison@tcoe.org)

[tcoe.org/CollegeandCareer/Expo](http://tcoe.org/CollegeandCareer/Expo)

## SCICON Barbecue & Wildflower Festival - April 13

Each spring, SCICON opens its beautiful campus in the Sierra foothills above Springville to the public for a day of free tours, activities, and entertainment. The program also sells tickets for a delicious barbecue luncheon. Proceeds benefit the SCICON program. Open to all ages.

**April 13, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**No admission/activities fee**

**SCICON Campus, 41569 Bear Creek Rd., Springville**

**Lunch available for purchase**

Contact: Dianne Shew at (559) 539-2642, or [dsheew@tcoe.org](mailto:dsheew@tcoe.org)

## Science Olympiad (Division A) - April 26

Individual students and teams compete in a variety of challenging events that allow students to apply their understanding of science and engineering content and practices. Students will utilize the 21st century skills – communication, creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration – as they navigate the series of events. (Grades 3-6)

**Coaches' Meeting, September 12, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**TCOE Doe Complex, Sycamore Room, 7000 Doe Ave., Visalia**

**Saturday, April 26, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Fee: \$150/team**

**Location TBA**

Contact: Paula Terrill at (559) 651-0565, or [paula.terrill@tcoe.org](mailto:paula.terrill@tcoe.org)

[tcoe.org/ScienceOlympiad](http://tcoe.org/ScienceOlympiad)

April

## Reading Revolution - April 29 & May 9

To promote literacy and the joy of reading, Reading Revolution is open to teams of elementary and middle school students. The teams answer questions drawn from a limited list of titles released in the fall. Following school-wide competitions, schools send their top team to contend at the county event.

(Grades 4-6, 7-8)

**Coaches' Meeting, September 24, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

**Elementary (Grades 4-6): April 29, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Fee: \$25/team**

**Middle School (Grades 7-8): May 9, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

Contact: Paula Terrill at (559) 651-0565, or paula.terrill@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/ReadingRevolution

May

## Make A Difference - TEACH Conference - May 2

In partnership with Fresno States, the Make a Difference - TEACH Conference is an event to learn about a variety of careers in education. Students will hear from professionals and college programs that could make their interest in this field a reality.

(Grades 9-12)

**May 2, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**No fee**

**TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia**

Contact: Shelsy Hutchison at (559) 733-6101, ext. 1123, or shelsy.hutchison@tcoe.org

## Friday Night Live Lip Sync Contest - May 2

Dozens of middle and high school performers annually vie for awards in four categories: dance, lip sync, novelty, and showcase. Friday Night Live provides youth with fun, life-affirming activities promoting abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gang participation, and violence. (Grades 6-8)

**May 2, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**No fee**

**Visalia Fox Theatre, Visalia**

Contact: Brittaney Quinonez at (559) 651-0155, or brittaney.quinonez@tcoe.org

## Slick Rock Film Festival - May 9

This competition provides the opportunity for middle and high school students to enter videos in over a dozen categories. The best videos will receive an award and be presented to the public at the film festival. More information, including rules and deadlines, is available at tcoe.org/SlickRock. (Grades 7-12)

**May 9, 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., Fox Theater, 300 W. Main St., Visalia** **No fee**

Contact: Kathleen Green-Martins at (559) 737-6350, or kgreen@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/SlickRock

## Community Design Challenge - May 13

The Community Design Challenge is an architectural design competition where Tulare and Kings county high school students research, understand, and design a solution to a challenge in their own community. These challenges can be functional,

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civic, climatic, or structural challenges. The goal is to identify the problem and then design a solution following an architectural and engineering design process. (Grades 9-12)

**Project Launch, January 15 (mandatory for all registered teams to attend)**

**30-day check-in, February 12**

**60-day check-in, March 12**

**90-day check-in, April 7**

**Final Presentations, May 13**

Contact: Emilia Wade at (559) 302-3670, ext. 3119, or emilia.wade@tcoe.org.

## Tulare County Physics Day - May 15

Tulare and Kings County eighth-grade students head to the Porterville Fair and the midway rides armed with worksheets, calculators, and accelerometers for lessons in physics. (Grade 8)

**May 15, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**No fee**

**Porterville Fairgrounds, 2700 W. Teapot Dome Ave., Porterville**

Contact: Juliana Davidian at (559) 651-3003, or juliana.davidian@tcoe.org  
tcoe.org/PhysicsDay

## Young People's Concerts - May 19

For over 60 years, the Young People's Concerts have provided an opportunity for Tulare County students to attend a live orchestra performance courtesy of the Sequoia Symphony Orchestra. Beginning in the 2023-24 school year, elementary students from across the county will have the opportunity to perform alongside the orchestra as part of Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute Link Up program. Through Link Up, students in grades 3-5 spend the school year learning to play recorder instruments. Their learning culminates in the spring at the Fox Theatre as they sing, dance, and play their instruments along with the orchestra. (Grades 3-5)

**Link Up Program Registration Deadline, October 1**

**May 19, Times TBA**

**No Fee; Reservation Required**

**Fox Theater, 300 W. Main St., Visalia**

Contact: Kate Stover at (559) 741-0809, or kate.stover@tcoe.org

June

## Oak Forest Research & Restoration Internship @ UC Merced/SCICON Field Station - June 2-5

Circle J-Norris Ranch is seeking technicians to set up oak forest research plots and assist with its oak forest restoration project. This intern experience is perfect for high school students who enjoy nature and are interested in science and ecology. Interns will increase scientific and outdoor leadership skills in navigation, safety, teamwork, map reading, record keeping, and troubleshooting problems. High school students and recent graduates may apply. Must attend all five days. (Grades 9-12)

**Monday-Friday, June 2-5, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Student stipend: \$250**

**Location: UC Merced/SCICON Field Station at Circle J-Norris Ranch, 41893 Yokohl Valley Dr., Springville**

Contact: Amanda Driver at (559) 539-2263, or circlej@tcoe.org

June

## Theatre Company's OnStage Summer Camp - June 9-27

### *Title TBA*

Elementary students are invited to participate in a three-week summer camp designed to strengthen their vocal, acting, and dance skills. Students rehearse Monday-Friday, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. The summer camp culminates with a production for parents and family members of the selected musical. (Grades 1-6)

**June 9-27, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Fee: \$100/student**

**TCOE Doe Avenue Complex, 7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia**

**Student scholarships available to offset participation fee.**

Contact: Bethany Rader at (559) 651-1482, ext. 3372, or [bethany.rader@tcoe.org](mailto:bethany.rader@tcoe.org)

July

## Theatre Company's Summer Musical - July

### *Title TBA*

Students may audition each spring for the Theatre Company's annual summer musical. Opportunities also exist for students interested in playing in the orchestra and helping to design and construct the sets. (Grades 1-12, including graduating seniors)

**Auditions to be held Spring 2025**

**Please visit [tcoe.org/TheatreCo](http://tcoe.org/TheatreCo) or TCOE social media platforms for updates.**

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Ongoing Programs

## Circle J - Norris Ranch

An outdoor campus located near SCICON, Circle J provides a wide range of field study options for grades K-12, as well as community college students. Programs are designed to expand appreciation of the environmental and aesthetic values of the outdoors and to increase understanding of the relationship between humans and nature.

**Additional Family Events (pre-registration required for each)**

**Location: Circle J-Norris Ranch, 41893 Yokohl Valley Dr., Springville**

**Contact: Amanda Driver at (559) 539-2263, or [circlej@tcoe.org](mailto:circlej@tcoe.org)**

### **Family Astronomy Nights**

September 6, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

November 1, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. SCICON and Circle J Christmas Bird Count

December 15, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy an evening under Circle J's dark skies viewing planets, constellations, and star clusters. Under the direction of amateur astronomers, navigate to deep sky objects using our five telescopes. No cost; donation box available. Program limited to 20 participants.

## Planetarium & Science Center

A multimedia facility designed to provide unique and exciting learning experiences which supplement and reinforce the classroom curriculum, the Sam B. Peña Planetarium and Science Center offers a variety of programs throughout the school year at no cost to Tulare County students. Out-of-county schools may attend for a small fee. (Grades K-8)

**Reservations required.**

For a listing of programs and shows, including evening public shows, call (559) 737-6334 or visit [tcoe.org/planetarium](http://tcoe.org/planetarium).

## SCICON

SCICON is the nationally-recognized outdoor science and conservation school located above Springville. Fifth- and sixth-grade students visit for one-day or week-long experiences in natural science and conservation. Students also experience SCICON's natural history museum, raptor center, planetarium and observatory, and tree nursery.

### **Reservations required.**

Contact: Dianne Shew at (559) 539-2642, or visit [tcoe.org/scicon](http://tcoe.org/scicon).

## Theatre Company's OnStage Program - Now Booking

The Theatre Company provides the directors and all the resources a school needs – including costumes, props, and backdrops – to produce a 35-minute musical involving up to 50 students. The well-known children's musicals offered are ideal for after school programs, fundraisers, and more. (Grades K-8)

Contact: Bethany Rader at (559) 651-1482, ext. 3645, or [bethany.rader@tcoe.org](mailto:bethany.rader@tcoe.org)

## Theatre Company Workshops

Each spring, the Theatre Company will offer a variety of workshop and performance opportunities throughout the county, including training in dance, acting, vocal, and auditioning. To learn more about the 2024-25 opportunities available in your area, visit [tcoe.org/TheatreCo/Catalog](http://tcoe.org/TheatreCo/Catalog), or contact Bethany Rader at (559) 651-1482, ext. 3372, or [bethany.rader@tcoe.org](mailto:bethany.rader@tcoe.org).

## Tulare County History of Farm Labor & Ag Museum

Located within the Tulare County Museum grounds in Visalia's Mooney Grove Park, this museum houses a 60-seat theater offers a variety of TCOE-produced videos on the various ethnic groups that settled in Tulare County to farm and ranch.

Teachers are encouraged to visit the museum website to schedule visits  
<https://tularecountymuseum.org>

Contact: Amy King at (559) 624-7326 or [aking1@tularecounty.ca.gov](mailto:aking1@tularecounty.ca.gov)



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