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Registration opens tomorrow for Young People's Concerts



Since 1959, the Tulare County Office of Education and the Sequoia Symphony Orchestra have partnered to bring symphonic music to the students of Tulare County. During the annual Young People's Concerts, students are treated to a live orchestral performance, coupled with lessons in music history and concert etiquette. This year, Tulare County students have voted for their favorite symphonic pieces. Once the votes are tallied, the Sequoia Symphony will produce a “top ten classical countdown” for audiences to enjoy.

More than 7,000 students from across the area are expected to attend the concerts this year. Tulare County Young People's Concerts celebrates its 60th anniversary this year as one of the oldest and largest youth concert programs in the nation.

The Young People's Concerts are open to students in grades 3-6, with this year's concerts offered October 22 at Visalia First at 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. A second pair of concerts will be offered October 29 at the Shaffer Auditorium in Porterville at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Registration for the concerts will remain open from September 12 until October 1 with admission just \$3 per student. To register for the Young People's Concerts or for more information about this event, please visit tcoe.org/YoungPeoplesConcerts.

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~ Now in its 60th year, Young People's Concerts are enjoyed by thousands of students each year.

California State Library K-12 Digital Project coming to Tulare County October 2



The California State Library currently provides free access to three respected research and educational databases for all of the state's K-12 school districts. These resources include Britannica, ProQuest, and TeachingBooks. The Tulare County Office of Education is one of three educational agencies in California to host a full-day training on the use of these resources.

The California Online Content Project Fall Roadshow will be a fun day of database exploration and skill-building led by key trainers from Britannica School/Escolar, TeachingBooks, and ProQuest. Attendees will return to their school sites fully prepared to share and implement these resources. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own device to interact with the databases.

The Fall Roadshow will be held in the Elderwood Room at TCOE's Doe Avenue Complex on October 2 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The training is free with breakfast and lunch provided. Space is limited; register today at tulare.k12oms.org/147-169993.

Health Fair planned for employees on October 2, flu shots available



The TCOE Health & Wellness Committee is planning an Employee Health Fair October 2 in the lobby of the Mooney Boulevard building from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. Several organizations that provide support services to TCOE employees will be on hand with useful information.

Organizations scheduled to attend include a number of gyms participating in the Active & Fit program, Buckman-Mitchell Insurance, SISC, Vision Service Plan (VSP), Delta Dental, Keenan Associates, Kaweah Delta Healthcare, American Fidelity Assurance, and Anthem Blue Cross.

TCOE employees and their covered dependents can receive free flu shots and get their blood pressure checked in Conference Room G&H from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. Employees will also have the opportunity to purchase healthy tacos from Tacos Lucha. A drawing for prizes provided by the vendors will be held following the Health Fair for those who attend the event.

SCICON open house scheduled for Sunday, September 15



Parents of sixth-grade students who are planning to attend the SCICON school of outdoor education often have many questions. To help familiarize parents with the program, SCICON holds an annual open house each fall. This year, the open house will be held Sunday, September 15 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

At the open house, families can tour SCICON and enjoy the natural beauty of the campus. Staff will be on hand to lead tours and answer questions. All facilities are open including the SCICON museum of natural history. Families are also welcome to bring a picnic lunch. For additional information, please e-mail Dianne Shew at dshew@tcoe.org or call the SCICON office at (559) 539-2642.

Teams invited to join new Student Tech Showdown January 18

STUDENT TECH SHOWDOWN

TCOE's Educational Resource Services has created a new technology-based competition in conjunction with its popular Tulare County Tech Rodeo, a full-day professional development event for educators. The new Student Tech Showdown will be held during the Tech Rodeo on Saturday, January 18 at the Porterville Military Academy.

The Student Tech Showdown is a competition created to integrate International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards for Students into a competition involving research and presentation skills. Through the Student Tech Showdown, students in grades 4-12 – working in teams of two or three – will have the opportunity to showcase their research, digital citizenship, collaboration, communication, and design skills through the use of technology.

Prior to the event, student teams will research this year's scenario – cyberbullying. Students are challenged to conduct research on the realities of cyberbullying, the legal consequences in and outside of the school system, and its social-emotional effects on students. At the Student Tech Showdown, teams will utilize their research to create a presentation on the spot, incorporating randomly selected apps. After a first draft of their presentation, students will have the opportunity to give and receive feedback from other teams. They then consider this feedback to refine their presentation. Educators attending the Tech Rodeo will have the opportunity to observe the students for inspiration on creating similar lessons in their classrooms. At the end of the competition, winning teams in grade categories 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12 will be given medals.

Teachers interested in more information on entering a team in the Student Tech Showdown are encouraged to contact Katherine Goyette at katherine.goyette@tcoe.org, or visit tcoe.org/TechShowdown.

Coming Up!

- **September 15**
SCICON Open House
for 6th grade students and their families
11:00am-4:00pm, SCICON Campus, Springville
[More information.](#)
- **September 18**
Friday Night Live T.U.P.E. Leadership Training
9:00am-3:00pm, Wyndham Visalia, 9000 W. Airport Dr.
[More information.](#)
- **September 19**
Step Up Youth Challenge Youth Summit
8:30am-1:30pm, Visalia Rawhide Ballpark, 300 N. Giddings St.
For more information, contact Kelley Petty at kelleyp@tcoe.org or (559) 740-4303.

View more events at tcoe.org/CalendarofEvents.

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