

news galleryweek

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Theatre Company's *The Lion King Jr.* premieres tonight



Theatre Company live performances are back this week with the production of Disney's *The Lion King Jr.*!

The Lion King Jr. is a four-night show, beginning Wednesday, November 17 and ending Saturday, November 20. Limited tickets are still available for the Thursday and Saturday performances at the Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center amphitheater in east Visalia. Live streaming is also available for all four nights of the production which begins at 7:00 p.m.

To check the availability of remaining tickets, call (559) 651-3041. The cost of admission is \$15 for general seating and \$10 for picnic seating.



For those who can't make the live show, streaming will be available every night. The cost of a streaming ticket is \$15 per device and can be purchased at www.showtix4u.com/event-details/58879 on the day of the show after 3:00 p.m.



For more information on purchasing tickets or the Theatre Company, visit tcoe.org/TheatreCo.

SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES

Location

Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center Amphitheater
31191 Road 180 in east Visalia

Show Times

Evening shows (7:00 p.m.): November 17, 18, 19, 20



Show Ticket Information

\$15 general admission / \$10 picnic seating

Now available at Visalia TCOE locations:

6200 S. Mooney Blvd. and 7000 Doe Ave.

Monday through Friday during normal business hours

Cash, check, or credit cards accepted

Tickets may also be purchased by phone by calling (559) 651-3041

Streaming option: www.showtix4u.com/event-details/58879



PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS

Banzai – Sarah Johnson, 12th grade, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center

Ed – Dean Johnson, 9th grade, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center

Mufasa – Rahim Pullom, 12th grade, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center

Nala – Kylie Schieferle, 11th grade, Redwood High School

Pumbaa – Caitlin Plumlee, 10th grade, Harmony Magnet Academy

Rafiki – Angelina Nichols, 10th grade, Redwood High School

Sarabi – Rivka Sears, 12th grade, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center

Sarafina – Katie Peters, 10th grade, Redwood High School

Scar – Katherine Gonzales, 10th grade, Redwood High School

Shenzi – Elle Pinheiro, 8th grade, Sundale Union School

Simba – Leo Paez, 8th grade, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center

Timon – Ruth Espinoza, 9th grade, Homeschool

Young Nala – Abby Nelson, 6th grade, Homeschool

Young Simba – Carter Sullivan, 4th grade, St. Paul's School

Zazu – Zion Sears, 9th grade, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center



Photos above:

~ The cast of Lion King Jr. perform during final dress rehearsal Tuesday night.

UPHS Robotics captures top prize at competition

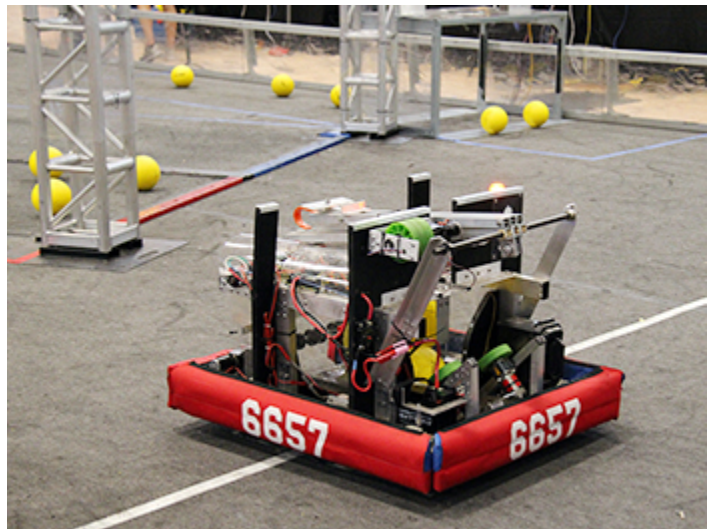


On November 13, the University Preparatory High School (UPHS) robotics team, Arborbotics, traveled to Madera for a two-day robotics competition. The team is part of the FIRST Robotics Competition created by For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST), an international youth organization that also created FIRST LEGO League Challenge and other competitions. The Arborbotics team is entering its seventh season of competition and is led by UPHS senior Charvi Reddy, a 2021 FIRST Dean's List finalist.

The event was entitled MadTown Throwdown, an off-season competition that this year attracted teams from 17 high schools from around the state. The teams entered 25 robots. In attendance were several teams that have held world champion titles. UPHS math teacher Josh Curtiss, the team's advisor, reports that the Throwdown was not held last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In typical years, teams are given a competition scenario several months in advance and must design a robot to execute the task given. For the MadTown Throwdown, bots were challenged to scoop up balls in an arena and launch them through various holes around the perimeter of the course. The holes were at various heights and earned teams points depending on the difficulty of the shot.

As the competition advances, top qualifying teams are required to form alliances with two others. The top two teams – one from Atascadero and the other from Davis – formed an alliance and invited the Arborbotics to join. Together, their alliance won first place in the MidTown Throwdown.



"While the victory was great, our students also learned valuable 21st century skills, navigating the ups and downs of tournament play, trouble-shooting problems, strategizing, and cooperating with one another and with other teams," Curtiss said.

On March 30, Arborbotics will compete in a FIRST Robotics regional event. If the team is successful at the regionals, it will qualify to compete in the world championship this year in Texas. The team will begin building its robot to address the regional competition scenario on January 8.

For more information on the UPHS Arborbotics team and ways you can support it, contact Josh Curtiss at joshc@tcoe.org.

Photo above:

~ The UPHS robotics team won first place in the MadTown Throwdown competition as part of an alliance with teams from Atascadero and Davis. The team will begin preparing for a regional competition in January in hopes of advancing to the FIRST Robotics World Championship.

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