

Science Olympiad held virtually, teams selected to advance to state competition



On March 6, dozens of Tulare County middle and high school students participated on 13 teams in the annual Science Olympiad. The event was held virtually, adapted by the national organization to allow students to use various programs to demonstrate their knowledge of scientific disciplines. Students competed in more than a dozen virtual segments on the topics of Life, Personal & Social Science, Earth & Space Science, Physical Science & Chemistry, Technology & Engineering, and Inquiry & Nature of Science.

The teams selected to advance to the NorCal State Science Olympiad include four middle school (Division B) teams: Burton Middle School (Porterville), Ridgeview Middle School (Visalia), Sundale Union School (Tulare) and Divisadero Middle School (Visalia). Five high school (Division C) teams will advance to the NorCal competition: Tulare Union High School, University Preparatory High School (Visalia), Mission Oak High School (Tulare), Orosi High School, and Tulare Western High School. For a complete list of Science Olympiad Divisions B and C winners, visit tcoe.org/ScienceOlympiad.

Public invited to help restore valley oak forest at Circle J-Norris Ranch this Saturday



To aid in the ongoing restoration of the valley oak forest habitat at the Circle J-Norris Ranch field study site, SCICON staff members are holding a public planting day on Saturday, March 20, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Families are welcome to attend by registering in advance at too.org/CircleJEvent. Space is limited and COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

Circle J-Norris Ranch is the field study site of the SCICON School of Science and Conservation, and home to the UC Merced/SCICON Field Station. For more information, visit tooe.org/CircleJ.

Distance Learning Resources

- Arts All Around Us
- TCOE Learning at Home
- TCOE's Educational Resource Services Library

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