

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Alert**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Annual SCICON Barbecue & Wildflower Festival set for April 10**

The 60<sup>th</sup> annual SCICON Barbecue and Wildflower Festival will be held Sunday, April 10. The event is an opportunity for families and individuals of all ages to tour and enjoy the SCICON campus. The festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m. and last until 4:00 p.m. The SCICON staff will be on hand to lead wildflower walks and nature hikes. The SCICON museum of natural history will be open all day, and wildlife shows will be presented in the SCICON raptor center. Resource agencies, including Sequoia National Forest, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and Tulare County Conservation Corps, will provide educational displays and activities. “Smokey the Bear” and special activities just for children will also be available. Families visiting the SCICON Tree Nursery can receive a free seedling and learn about worm composting. Student entertainment will be continuous throughout the day. All visitors will receive a commemorative wildflower poster by local Springville artist, Frances Pyles. This year’s poster, featuring a

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watercolor of beautiful “Owl’s Clover,” is suitable for framing. There is no charge to participate in the day’s activities.

Two thousand pounds of beef will simmer underground for 24 hours and be served with the famous SCICON barbecue sauce as part of the lunch available. Meal ticket donations are \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors (60 and over), \$10.00 for active duty military personnel, and \$10.00 for children (under 12). All proceeds from the meal will go to the “Friends of SCICON” to benefit the SCICON program.

SCICON is the outdoor school of science and conservation operated by Tulare County Office of Education. Each year, over 17,000 fifth- and sixth-grade students visit this 1,100-acre campus located in the foothills above Springville. The SCICON Barbecue and Wildflower Festival is sponsored by Friends of SCICON. For more information on the SCICON Barbecue, please call (559) 539-2642 or visit [www.tcoe.org/SCICON](http://www.tcoe.org/SCICON).

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