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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

43rd Annual SCICON Barbecue Scheduled for April 13

Clemmie Gill School of Science and Conservation, Springville, CA

The 43rd annual SCICON Barbecue and Wildflower Festival will be held Sunday, April 13, 2003, at the SCICON Campus northeast of Springville. The festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m. and last until 4:00 p.m.

The entire SCICON campus will be open to the public with many nature-related activities available for children and adults. SCICON staff will lead wildflower walks and nature hikes throughout the day. The SCICON museum of natural history and planetarium will be open as well. There will be wildlife shows in the SCICON Raptor Center. In addition to those at the SCICON facilities, there will be many conservation displays and educational activities on hand that are specifically designed for children. There will be a wildflower and nature art show in the newly-remodeled John Muir Dining Lodge at SCICON. Live entertainment including award-winning country music, folk artistry and student performances is scheduled throughout the day.

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“The SCICON Barbecue is a perfect time for the public to experience the beauty of the campus and gain an appreciation of the unique educational opportunities that exist at SCICON,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “This year is particularly special, as visitors can tour and enjoy the recently remodeled dining lodge.”

The famous SCICON deep-pit barbecue lunch will be served in the picnic area. Approximately 2,500 pounds of beef will be simmered underground and served with the SCICON barbecue sauce, ranch beans, rolls, Cole slaw and ice cream. Meal tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors (60 years and older) and \$3.00 for youth (12 and under.)

Meal tickets will be available at the SCICON campus on barbecue day. There is no charge for admission to the campus or any of the day’s activities.

SCICON is the outdoor school of science and conservation operated by Tulare County Office of Education. The SCICON campus is located seven miles northeast of Springville. The route to SCICON is clearly marked from Springville with green highway signs. For more information, please call the SCICON office at (559) 539-2642.

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