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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Academic Decathlon 2010

February 5, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Sequoia Room, 7000 Doe Ave., Visalia

February 6, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., College of the Sequoias (NEW VENUE FOR 2010)

The Tulare County Office of Education will host the 2010 Tulare County Academic Decathlon on Friday and Saturday, February 5-6, 2010. This ten-event scholastic competition will feature 15 teams of Tulare County's best and brightest students, representing 10 high schools, including Dinuba High School, El Diamante High School (Visalia) with two teams, Granite Hills High School (Porterville), Lindsay High School, Monache High School (Porterville), Orosi High School, Porterville High School with two teams, Redwood High School (Visalia), Strathmore High School, and Woodlake High School with three teams.

Each team has six to nine members contending in the ten grueling events. Team members test their knowledge of subjects including economics, mathematics, music, art, language and literature, and science. In addition, the contestants present prepared and impromptu speeches, written essays on given topics and undergo interviews by a panel of judges.

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The curricular theme – in certain subject areas – for the 2010 Academic Decathlon will be The French Revolution. **The academic relay known as the “Super Quiz” is the final competitive event. It is the only portion of the competition open to the public.** This year’s Super Quiz topic also pertains to the French Revolution and may include topics such as the Old Regime (*Ancien Régime*), the causes of the French Revolution, the radicalization of the revolution, the revolution in Saint-Domingue (Haiti), and the legacy of the French Revolution. **The Super Quiz round of competition takes place on Saturday, February 6, at 2:00 p.m. in the College of the Sequoias (COS) Ponderosa Building.** Immediately following the Super Quiz, a reception will be held to honor the students and their coaches. The awards ceremony announcing the top teams follows the reception and begins at 4:00 p.m.

“Academic Decathlon is a very competitive event with some strong rivalries among our schools,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “The Super Quiz competition is a great event for the public to enjoy.”

For more information about the Academic Decathlon, contact Carmen Friesen at (559) 651-3046.

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