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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Peña Planetarium offers four public shows this summer, including two NASA-produced programs in August

**Friday evenings, July 16, August 20 and 27, and Wednesday afternoon July 28
2500 Burrel Ave., Visalia**

Visalia - The Sam B. Peña Planetarium, operated by the Tulare County Office of Education, will offer the following evening and matinee shows in July and August.

Friday, July 16, 7:00 p.m. – *Dawn of the Space Age* (A full-dome presentation)

From the launch of the first artificial satellite, *Sputnik*, to the magnificent lunar landings and privately-operated space flights, you'll be captivated by this most accurate historic reconstruction of Man's first steps into space.

Wednesday, July 28, 1:30 p.m. – *The Enchanted Reef* (A full-dome matinee presentation)

This program transports the viewer to a tropical reef – a one-of-a-kind world full of adventure and danger, riddles and mysteries, old legends and myths. *The Enchanted Reef* is a world inhabited by creatures that are humorous and courageous, lovable and bizarre, charming and dangerous. It's an exciting adventure for the whole family.

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Friday, August 20, 7:00 p.m. – *IBEX: Search for the Edge of the Solar System*

(A full-dome presentation)

This NASA-produced program examines the agency's new IBEX mission to map the solar system's boundary. It also teaches about the shape and nature of the heliosphere, the invisible bubble that surrounds our solar system.

Friday, August 27, 7:00 p.m. – *Field Trip to the Moon*

Like NASA's astronauts, you will come face-to-face with the challenges and excitement of traveling through space to land on the Moon. Along the way, you'll discover some of the differences between the Earth and the Moon and what makes our planet unique and habitable.

The Planetarium is located on the southwest corner of West Main Street and Woodland Drive in Visalia, in the Educational Enrichment Center. Tickets can be purchased at the Impact Center Office 30 minutes before show time or in advance on weekdays between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. **No late seating is offered once the planetarium doors close.** For information, call (559) 737-6334.

For more information about the Peña Planetarium, visit www.tcoe.org/ImpactCenter.

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