



PARENTAL INFORMATION: 25th ANNUAL TCSEF March 8 – March 14, 2010 Sequoia Mall

1. Space must be reserved in advance of your son/daughter's participation in the Tulare County Science & Engineering Fair. Grade level participation is determined by the local school district.
2. The number of school science projects is limited to the number of spaces reserved for each school district. The number of spaces is mainly determined by the size of the school district and number of school districts participating. A school and/or district may request more project spaces. These extra spaces will not be confirmed until approved by the Tulare County Science & Engineering Fair Coordinator.
3. The school district determines which science fair projects are to be displayed at the Tulare County Science & Engineering Fair. All displayed science fair projects must be judged to be the "best" or the "top winners" from each school district as determined by a prior school district science fair contest.
4. No project shall violate the "Safety Standards" set forth in the Tulare County Science Fair Student Handbook.
5. The maximum size is 4 feet wide by 2 ½ feet deep by 6 ½ feet tall.
6. All science fair project students will receive a "Distinguished Project Ribbon" for their contribution to the development of scientific research.
7. All projects must be delivered and set up between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2010. All projects must be picked-up on Sunday, March 14, 2010 during regular mall hours
8. Judging of Science & Engineering Fair projects will be conducted between 5:00 and 9:30 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2010.
9. School or classroom visits to the Tulare County Science & Engineering Fair are encouraged. Viewing times begin Tuesday during regular mall hours through Friday noon. Please call us at (559) 651-3043 to let us know when you plan on coming so that we in turn may notify the mall's office.
10. The Tulare County Science & Engineering Fair will be open to parents and the community during regular mall hours. An awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Center Court of the Sequoia Mall.
11. TCOE assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to any project or part thereof. Display of valuable items is discouraged. Such items should be simulated if necessary to the display. Any exhibit, or part of an exhibit, which, in the judgment of the Fair director or his/her representatives, poses any safety threat to the public or to other exhibits, will be removed and not judged for any awards. Items such as: glass, animals, bacteria, explosives are NOT ALLOWED.
12. *Group projects will be accepted.* A group shall consist of no more than 3 students.
13. *Please Note:* All projects must include a copy of all original data and/or notes as well as a completed Project Abstract Form. Judges will also be looking for ways in which students apply the knowledge learned in the project to some real life situation.

Tulare County Office of Education

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