

Calendar of Student *Future Ready* Events 2026-2027



Year At-A-Glance

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Apr. 13-16 & 20-22, 2027	Poetry & Prose ON STAGE TCOE Conference Center
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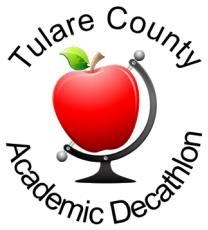
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Academic Decathlon & Pentathlon

tcoe.org/AcademicDecathlon

Grades: 9-12 (Decathlon); 6-8 (Pentathlon)

Fees: \$600 per team or \$60 per at-large competitor (Decathlon); \$300 per team or \$30 per at-large competitor (Pentathlon)



Academic Decathlon is a competition for high school students featuring a series of 10 academic tests and demonstrations, including art, economics, a written essay, an interview, language and literature, math, music, social science, speech, and a Super Quiz. **Academic Pentathlon** is a competition for middle school students designed similarly to the high school decathlon event. Middle school students will complete the tests, the essay and the super quiz. Students compete in teams or as individuals. Winners of the high school decathlon will compete in the California Academic Decathlon and winners of the middle school pentathlon will compete in the California Academic Pentathlon.

Decathlon Coaches' Meeting, October 1, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., TCOE Conference Center

Decathlon Scrimmage, November 18, Online Enlyght

Decathlon Essay Competition, January 13, Online Enlyght

Decathlon Objective Testing, January 27, Online Enlyght

Decathlon Speech and Interview Competition, January 30, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Decathlon Super Quiz and Awards Ceremony, February 6, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Pentathlon Essay Competition, February 23, Online Enlyght

Pentathlon Objective Testing, February 23, Online Enlyght

Pentathlon Super Quiz and Awards Ceremony, March 15, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia



Contact: Paula Terrill at 559-651-0565 or paula.terrill@tcoe.org

Anti-Bullying Conference

tcoe.org/CHOICES/events

Grades: 6-12

Fees: \$150 per team

Open to middle and high school students, this conference is designed to empower attendees to develop safe, inclusive, and supportive schools. The event features a keynote speaker and breakout sessions on topics of building resiliency, creating cultures of kindness, teamwork, making healthy choices, leadership, and self-advocacy.

September 17, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Galaxy Theatres Tulare, 1575 Retherford St., Tulare

Contact: Brittaney Quinonez at 559-651-0155 or brittaney.quinonez@tcoe.org

Anti-Tobacco & Marijuana Challenge Bowl

tcoe.org/CHOICES/events

Grades: 6-7

Fees: \$150 per team



Students participate in a game show-style competition, answering questions on topics including the tobacco industry and the health effects of smoking. The event gives students valuable information about the dangers of tobacco and marijuana – before they enter middle school and are presented with the temptation to smoke.

March 11, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Galaxy Theatres Tulare, 1575 Retherford St., Tulare

Contact: Brittaney Quinonez at 559-651-0155 or brittaney.quinonez@tcoe.org

Cardboard Challenge

tcoe.org/CardboardChallenge

Grades: All Grades

No Fees

The Global Cardboard Challenge was inspired by the short film entitled Caine's Arcade and is a worldwide celebration of childhood creativity and the role communities can play in fostering it. TCOE encourages Tulare County students to participate in the Challenge by spending creative time at home or in the classroom engineering their own cardboard creations, then sharing pictures with TCOE to possibly be included on the Cardboard Challenge website. This Cardboard Challenge engages students in the 4Cs of 21st century learning: critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication.



October 2027

Individual school sites

Contact: Juliana Davidian at 559-651-3003 or juliana.davidian@tcoe.org

CHARACTER COUNTS! Day at the Rawhide

tcoe.org/CharacterCounts

Grades: All Grades

No Fees

CHARACTER COUNTS! Day at the Rawhide is an opportunity for schools and special programs to honor their students of character. Each year, the CHARACTER COUNTS! office offers several hundred free tickets to schools to distribute to students who exhibit the Pillars of Character – Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Throughout the game, which is held at the Valley Strong Ballpark in Visalia, students are recognized.

April 20, 2027

Visalia Rawhide, 300 N. Giddings St., Visalia

Contact: Kathleen Green-Martins at 559-737-6350 or kgreen@tcoe.org



CHARACTER COUNTS! Week

tcoe.org/CharacterCounts

Grades: All Grades

No Fees

A week-long celebration of the principles of CHARACTER COUNTS! in partnership with the *Visalia Times-Delta/Tulare Advance-Register*. Tulare County schools and communities participate by nominating students of good character. Top honorees will be featured throughout the week in the newspaper.

Nominations accepted - August 17 - September 25
online at <https://kidsofcharacter.tcoe.org>

Provident-Salierno Family Foundation Awards Reception - November 3, 6:00 p.m.
TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Students selected for a profile on KSEE24's *Your Character Matters* will be honored at a dinner in May 2027, 6:00 p.m.

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Zoty Briceño at 559-737-6349 or miozoty.briceno@tcoe.org



CHOICES Leadership Conference

tcoe.org/CHOICES/events

Grades: 6-8

Fees: \$150 per team

A training event for middle school students identified as campus leaders. Selected students learn how to engage fellow classmates in activities that encourage healthy choices and how to implement their training at school.

November 5, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

McDermont X, 365 N. Sweetbriar Ave., Lindsay

Contact: Brittaney Quinonez at 559-651-0155 or brittaney.quinonez@tcoe.org



CHOICES Lip Sync Battle

tcoe.org/CHOICES/events

Grades: 6-8

Fees: \$150 per team



Dozens of middle school performers annually vie for awards in dance and lip sync. This event provides youth with fun, life-affirming activities promoting abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gang participation, and violence.

April 2, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Visalia Fox Theatre, Visalia

Contact: Brittaney Quinonez at 559-651-0155 or brittaney.quinonez@tcoe.org



Circle J-Norris Ranch Biodiversity Festival

tcoe.org/CircleJ

No Fees

Join us for a day of nature exploration with activities for the whole family: BioBlitz, wildlife habitat planting, guided nature walks, birding, hiking, and much more. Registration required.

March 13, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Circle J-Norris Ranch, 41893 Yokohl Valley Dr., Springville

Contact: Amanda Driver, 559-539-2263 or circlej@tcoe.org



Circle J-Norris Field Science Day

tcoe.org/CircleJ

Grades: 7-12

No Fees

The Field Science Day is open to classes of middle and high school students, and community college students. Come conduct original research and collect data on vernal pool ecosystems, measure water levels, and monitor the animals that depend on the pools. Reservations required.

February 12, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Circle J-Norris Ranch, 41893 Yokohl Valley Dr., Springville

Contact: Amanda Driver at 559-539-2263 or circlej@tcoe.org



College and Career EXPO

tcoe.org/CollegeandCareerExpo

Grades: 9-12

No Fee

The College and Career EXPO provides students the opportunity to compete in college- and career-oriented competitions and spend time on a college campus. College and Career EXPO builds upon the momentum that students and schools are creating in college and career awareness, exploration, and preparation. The event is open to all students in academies or pathways.

March TBA, 8:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

College of the Sequoias, 915 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Bill Davis at 559-733-6101, Ext. 1123 or bill.davis@tcoe.org



College Night

tcoe.org/CollegeNight

Grades: 9-12

No Fee



An event for high school students and their parents who want to learn more about preparing for, and applying to, colleges. University and college representatives from around the country will be available to answer questions.

September 8, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia, Visalia

Each year the Tulare County Office of Education awards a four-year \$1000 scholarship to two high school seniors that attended College Night, made their education a priority, and made a positive impact on their community.



College Night Scholarship deadline - April 2

Contact: Paula Terrill at 559-651-0565 or paula.terrill@tcoe.org

Community Design Challenge

tcoe.org/CollegeandCareer/events

Grades: 9-12

No Fee

The Community Design Challenge is an architectural design competition where Tulare and Kings county high school students research, understand, and design a solution to a challenge in their own community. These challenges can be functional, civic, climatic, or structural challenges. The goal is to identify the problem and then design a solution following an architectural and engineering design process.

Project Launch, January 28 (mandatory for all registered teams to attend)

Final Presentations, May 13

Contact: Grecia Pacheco at 559-302-3731, Ext. 3121 or grecia.pacheco@tcoe.org.



Esports League

tcoe.org/esportsleague

Grades: 6-8

Fees: \$75 per team (annually)

The TCOE Esports League is an organized competitive gaming program that allows middle students across Tulare County to form teams and compete in structured gaming tournaments, much like traditional sports. Within this league, students develop critical skills such as teamwork, strategic thinking, communication, and digital literacy. The TCOE Esports League creates inclusive opportunities for students who may not be involved in other extracurriculars, helping them build confidence and a sense of community.



Fall Tournament: December 3

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Spring Tournament: May 17

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

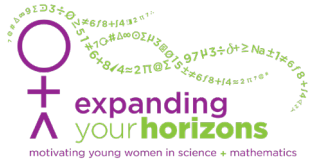
Contact: Paula Terrill at 559-651-0565 or paula.terrill@tcoe.org

Expanding Your Horizons

tcoe.org/EYH

Grades: 4-8

Fees: \$20 per student



A conference for young women to learn about career opportunities in the STEM fields: science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The event provides students personal contacts with women working in STEM careers.

October 24, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

College of the Sequoias, 915 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Paula Terrill at 559-651-0565 or paula.terrill@tcoe.org

Growing Health Leaders Conference

tcoe.org/CollegeandCareer/events

Grades: 9-10

No Fees

Growing Health Leaders is the TK Healthcare Partnership's annual conference focusing on career exploration for high school students in healthcare pathway programs. Students will attend multiple sessions led by industry professionals of in-demand health occupations.

March 11, 8:30 a.m - 1:30 p.m.

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Shelsy Hutchison at 559-733-6101, Ext. 1123 or shelsy.hutchison@tcoe.org.



Make a Difference - TEACH!

tcoe.org/CollegeandCareer/events

Grades: 9-12

No Fees

In partnership with California State University, Fresno, the Make a Difference - TEACH! Conference is an event to learn about a variety of careers in education. Students will hear from professionals and college programs that could make their interest in this field a reality.

April 30, 8:30 a.m - 1:00 p.m.

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Shelsy Hutchison at 559-733-6101, Ext. 1123 or shelsy.hutchison@tcoe.org

Math Super Bowl

tcoe.org/MathSuperBowl

Grades: 7-8

Fees: \$45 per team

Middle school students participate in a day-long series of mathematical challenges. Students compete for individual and team awards.

April 7, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia, Visalia

Contact: Paula Terrill at 559-651-0565 or paula.terrill@tcoe.org



Migrant Education Speech & Debate Regional Tournament

The Speech and Debate Tournament is designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of competitive speech, debate, and research. The tournament emphasizes strong delivery, clear expression, and teamwork, fostering a deeper understanding of structured argumentation and collaborative learning. This event is for migratory students only. Please check with event coordinator for eligibility.

March 13

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Shantall Porchia at 559-651-3035 or shantallp@tcoe.org



Migrant Education Student Leadership Conference

The Migrant Education Program (MEP) Student Leadership Conference is an annual event that empowers migratory students by building leadership, communication, and networking skills. Through workshops and activities, students gain the confidence and tools needed to succeed in school and beyond. This event is for migratory students only. Please check with event coordinator for eligibility.

October 24, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Shantall Porchia at 559-651-3035 or shantallp@tcoe.org



Mock Trial

tcoe.org/MockTrial

Grades: 6-12

Fee: \$500 per team



Mock Trial is an educational competition that simulates a real courtroom trial, giving students the opportunity to serve as attorneys, witnesses, and other courtroom roles in a fictional legal case. Designed to build critical thinking, public speaking, and collaboration skills, Mock Trial also helps students develop a deeper understanding of the legal system. At the middle school level, the program introduces students to the structure and process of courtroom proceedings, preparing them for more advanced high school competitions. This early exposure allows students to build confidence, sharpen their skills, and enter high school Mock Trial teams with a strong foundation and valuable experience.

Coaches' Meeting, September 15, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia
Rounds 1-4: January 19, 21, 26 & 28, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Tulare County Superior Courthouse, 221 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia
HS Senifinals & MS Finals: February 4, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Tulare County Superior Courthouse, 221 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia
HS Finals: February 11, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Paula Terrill at 559-651-0565 or paula.terrill@tcoe.org

National History Day -Tulare County

tcoe.org/HistoryDay

Grades: 4-12

Fee: \$20 per student

National History Day makes history come alive for Tulare County students by engaging them in the discovery of the historic, cultural and social experiences of the past as they connect them to the future. NHD-Tulare County inspires students through exciting county, state, and national competitions and transforms teaching through project-based learning curriculum and instruction.



Coaches' Meeting, October 22, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Finals, February 17, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Feedback Day (for champions): February 24, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Paula Terrill at 559-651-0565 or paula.terrill@tcoe.org

Physics Day

tcoe.org/PhysicsDay

Grade: 8

No Fees



Tulare and Kings County eighth-grade students head to the Porterville Fair and the midway rides armed with worksheets, calculators, and accelerometers for lessons in physics.

May TBA, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Porterville Fairgrounds, 2700 W. Teapot Dome Ave., Porterville
Contact: Juliana Davidian at 559-651-3003 or juliana.davidian@tcoe.org



Poetry & Prose ON STAGE

tcoe.org/PNP

Grades: K-8

No Fees

Students present poetry to a public audience and judges at this county-wide oral interpretation event. Oral and written assessments are offered to each student, along with personalized certificates denoting their rank of Superior, Excellent, Very Good, or Good.



April 13-16 and April 20-22, 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.
TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Annette Eickelberg at 559-733-6326 or annette.eickelberg@tcoe.org



Poetry Live!

tcoe.org/PoetryLive

Grades: 6-12

No Fees

Poetry Live! is a series of events that offers students in grades 6-12 the opportunity to not only recite poems written by great poets, but to write and recite their own original works as well. Poetry Live! will feature three events that students can choose to participate in: Poetry Out Loud, Poetry Out Loud Junior, and Poet's Own Voice.

January 15, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Arts Consortium, 340 E. Oak Ave., Ste. 112, Visalia

Contact: Paula Terrill at 559-651-0565 or paula.terrill@tcoe.org



Power the Valley

tcoe.org/CCR

Grades: 9-12

No Fees

An event for high school students to explore careers in energy and the environment. Presentations are conducted by representatives from industries and organizations that are actively working to help California reach its climate goals – industries include water, energy, and telecom. Attendees will learn about the certifications and degrees that lead to high-paying jobs in energy and the environment available here in the Central Valley.

April 15, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
SCE Energy Education Center, 4175 S. Laspina St., Tulare

Contact: Grecia Pacheco at 559-302-3731, Ext. 3121 or grecia.pacheco@tcoe.org.

Pursuing Victory With Honor - Banquet

tcoe.org/PVWH/conference

Grades: 9-12

No Fees

The Athlete of Character Award recognizes student-athletes who exemplify the Six Pillars of Character—Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Each high school selects two students who consistently uphold these values on and off the field, and they receive a special award in honor of their achievement.

May TBA

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Zoty Briceño at 559-737-6349 or miozoty.briceno@tcoe.org



Pursuing Victory With Honor - High School Huddle

tcoe.org/PVWH/conference

Grades: 9-12

No Fees

A conference for high school student athletes, the Huddle is designed to help participants develop leadership skills they can use in team building, positive communications, and goal setting. The conference features a dynamic keynote speaker and breakout sessions.

September 24, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Zoty Briceño at 559-737-6349 or miozoty.briceno@tcoe.org

Pursuing Victory With Honor - Middle School Huddle

tcoe.org/PVWH/conference

Grades: 6-8

No Fees

A conference for middle school student-athletes, the Huddle is designed to help participants develop leadership skills they can use in team building, positive communications, and goal setting. The conference features a dynamic keynote speaker and breakout sessions incorporating Pursuing Victory with Honor principles.

February 23, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Zoty Briceño at 559-737-6349 or miozoty.briceno@tcoe.org



Reading Revolution

tcoe.org/ReadingRevolution

Grades: 4-6 and 7-8

Fee: \$25 per team

Tulare County
Office of Education
Tim A. Hise, County Superintendent of Schools

Reading Revolution

To promote literacy and the joy of reading, Reading Revolution is open to teams of elementary and middle school students. The teams answer questions drawn from a limited list of titles released in the fall. Following school-wide competitions, schools send their top teams to represent them at the county event.

Interest Meeting: September 10, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Online Zoom

Coaches' Meeting: September 22, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Middle School Division (Grades 7-8), April 29

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Elementary School Division (Grades 4-6), May 7

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Paula Terrill at 559-651-0565 or paula.terrill@tcoe.org



Red Ribbon Week Celebration

tcoe.org/CHOICES/events

All Grades

No Fees

Through a partnership between the Tulare County Office of Education, the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, and a myriad of other county and city resources, the Red Ribbon Celebration event allows students and families to participate in safe, educational, and fun activities without the use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs. In addition, the event showcases positive choices and opportunities for the youth of the Valley.

October 24, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mooney Grove Park, 27000 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Bob Mayo at 559-651-0155 or bob.mayo@tcoe.org

SCICON Barbecue and Wildflower Festival

tcoe.org/SCICON/Events

All Grades

No Fees; Lunch available for purchase

Each spring, SCICON opens its beautiful campus in the Sierra foothills above Springville to the public for a day of free tours, activities, and entertainment. The program also sells tickets for a delicious barbecue luncheon. Proceeds benefit the SCICON program.

April 18, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SCICON Campus, 41569 Bear Creek Rd., Springville

Contact: Dianne Shew at 559-539-2642 or dshew@tcoe.org



Science Olympiad

tcoe.org/ScienceOlympiad

Grades: 4-6; 6-9; and 9-12

Fees: \$300 per Division B/C team; \$150 per Division A team



Individual students and teams compete in events focusing on the various science disciplines. Events balance science facts, processes, skills, and science applications. Top middle and high school teams advance to the NorCal State Science Olympiad. (Division A - Grades 4-6; Division B - Grades 6-9; Division C - Grades 9-12)

Division B/C Coaches' Meeting, October 4, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.,
TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Division A Coaches' Meeting, October 20, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.,
TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Division B/C Competition, February 27, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Ridgeview Middle School, 3315 N. Akers, Visalia

Division A Competition, April 24, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Ridgeview Middle School, 3315 N. Akers, Visalia

Contact: Paula Terrill at 559-651-0565 or paula.terrill@tcoe.org



Slick Rock Film Festival

tcoe.org/SlickRock

Grades: 7-12

No Fees



This competition provides the opportunity for middle and high school students to enter videos in over a dozen categories. The best videos will receive an award and be presented to the public at the film festival. More information, including rules and deadlines, is available on the website.

May 7, 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Fox Theater, 300 W. Main St., Visalia

Contact: Kathleen Green-Martins at 559-737-6350, or kgreen@tcoe.org

The Stage and Space Collaborative present Cosmic Creeps

tcoe.org/TheatreCo/Productions

October 23-24

The Theatre Company offers classes and performance opportunities to all Tulare County youth. There are minimal course fees for classes and productions (scholarships are available). Please visit tcoe.org/TheatreCo/callboard or TCOE social media platforms for updates.

Contact: Bethany Rader at 559-651-1482, Ext. 3372, or bethany.rader@tcoe.org

Step Up Youth Challenge

tcoe.org/StepUp

Grades: 6-8 and 9-12

No Fees

The Step Up Youth Challenge takes place over the course of the school year, providing an opportunity for middle and high school teams to complete a project that will have a positive impact on their school and community.

Challenge Advisor Training (mandatory): September 8, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Youth Summit (training for student teams): September 28

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with lunch provided and complementary gaming for all teams from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

McDermont X, 365 N Sweetbriar Ave., Lindsay

Project Presentation Day: March 2, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Red Carpet Awards: April 8, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia



Contact: Zoty Briceño at 559-737-6349 or miozoty.briceno@tcoe.org

Student Art Exhibition

tcoe.org/StudentArt

All Grades

No Fees

The annual Student Art Exhibition showcases the county's talented young artists. Artwork submitted in a digital format will be displayed in a public online gallery during the month of March, which is Arts Education month.

Registration due November 2

Artwork submission and forms due December 4

Virtual exhibition opens March 1

Contact: Juliana Davidian at 559-651-3003 or juliana.davidian@tcoe.org

Student Art Exhibition



The Sustainability Challenge

tcoe.org/CollegeandCareer/events

Grades: 9-12

No Fees

Tulare and Kings high school students are invited to develop a business proposal addressing climate solutions within their communities in Tulare and Kings counties. This project will launch in the fall with the final presentations being presented on December 4, 2026.

Project Launch: September 8, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Online

Final Presentations: December 4, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Grecia Pacheco at 559-302-3731, Ext. 3121 or grecia.pacheco@tcoe.org.



Taste of Tulare-Kings

tcoe.org/CollegeandCareer/events

Grades: 9-12

No Fees

Held at the annual Tulare County Office of Education Foundation donor appreciation event, Taste of Tulare-Kings is a culinary competition for teams of students in Tulare and Kings county high school food service pathway programs. Teams are judged on the taste of prepared hors d'oeuvres and dessert samples, and on their overall team presentation. The foundation provided a grant to TCOE's College and Career Readiness program to support this event.

February 26, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Bill Davis at 559-302-3674 or bill.davis@tcoe.org



Theatre Company Fall Musical

tcoe.org/TheatreCo/Productions/FallShow

Grades: 1-12

Fees: \$85 per student

How to Train Your Dragon

The Theatre Company offers classes and performance opportunities to all Tulare County youth. Fall semester workshops culminate in a full-scale production. There are minimal course fees for classes and productions (scholarships are available). Please visit tcoe.org/TheatreCo/callboard or TCOE social media platforms for updates.

November 19-21

Five performances including a school show Friday morning, November 19-21

Evening shows at 7:00 p.m., Saturday matinee at 2:00 p.m., Location TBA

Contact: Bethany Rader at 559-651-1482, Ext. 3372 or bethany.rader@tcoe.org



Theatre Company OnStage Summer Camp

tcoe.org/TheatreCo/Productions/OnStage

Grades: TK-6

Fees: \$100 per student

Elementary students are invited to participate in a three-week summer camp designed to strengthen their vocal, acting, and dance skills. Students rehearse Monday-Friday, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. The summer camp culminates with a production for parents and family members of the selected musical.

June 7-25, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Jim Vidak Education Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Bethany Rader at 559-651-1482, Ext. 3372 or bethany.rader@tcoe.org



Theatre Company Summer Musical

tcoe.org/TheatreCo/Productions/SummerShow

Grades: 7-12, including graduation seniors

Fees: \$85 per student

Title TBA

July 2027

Location TBA



Students may audition each spring for the Theatre Company's annual summer musical. Opportunities also exist for students interested in playing in the orchestra and helping to design and construct the sets. Auditions to be held Spring 2027. Please visit tcoe.org/TheatreCo or TCOE social media platforms for updates.

Contact: Bethany Rader at 559-651-1482, Ext. 3372 or bethany.rader@tcoe.org

Trades Day

tcoe.org/CollegeandCareer/TradesDay

Grades: 9-12

No Fees

The Tulare-Kings Trades Day is a day of career exploration for high school students. The event introduces participants to industry career opportunities in construction, design, subcontracting, heavy equipment, engineering, and other skilled trades. Over 25 partners from the trades, industry, training, and post-secondary programs will join together to provide hands-on activities for students to explore their industry, teaching skills such as hammering, concrete mixing, roofing, welding and more!

October 22, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Porterville Fairgrounds, 2700 Teapot Dome Ave., Porterville

Contact: Shelsy Hutchison at 559-733-6101, Ext. 1123 or shelsy.hutchison@tcoe.org



Tulare County Science & Engineering Fair featuring STEAM Expo

tcoe.org/STEAMExpo

All Grades; 3-12 for Science Fair

No Fees; \$20 per Science Fair Project

Students in grades 3-12 may participate in the Tulare County Science & Engineering Fair portion of the event. The top winners in this competition (grades 6-12) qualify for the California Science and Engineering Fair. The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Expo allows students, families, and community members to participate in a variety of STEAM-related activities. Informational booths and hands-on activities will be available throughout the day.



Science Fair Informational Meeting: TBA

Science Fair Set-up: March 5, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., TCOE Conference Center,
6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

March 6, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia and
TCOE Planetarium & Science Center, 11535 Ave. 264, Visalia



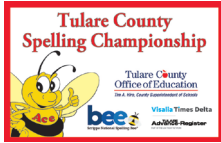
Contact: Paula Terrill at 559-651-0565 or paula.terrill@tcoe.org for Science Fair information; Juliana Davidian at 559-651-3003 or juliana.davidian@tcoe.org for Expo information.

Tulare County Spelling Bee Championship

<https://www.tcoe.org/SpellingBee>

Grade: 4-8

Fees: \$45 per school

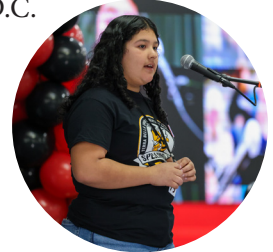


Students in grades 4-8 face off in a live, oral spelling competition. Schools hold their own spelling bees and select students to attend the county-wide championship. The county champion has the opportunity to go on to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

March 4, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

TCOE Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

Contact: Annette Eickelberg at 559-733-6326 or annette.eickelberg@tcoe.org



Young Authors' Faire

tcoe.org/YoungAuthorsFaire

Grades: K-8

No Fees



Student authors submit their work and then participate in reading and commenting on the work of other students. Parents, teachers, and members of the community also read and comment on the submitted work, which is displayed in a virtual gallery.

Online registration due January 29

Books due February 26

Virtual exhibition opens April 1

Contact: Juliana Davidian at 559-651-3003 or juliana.davidian@tcoe.org

Young People's Concerts

<https://www.tcoe.org/YoungPeoplesConcerts>

Grades: 3-5

No Fees; Reservation Required

For over 60 years, the Young People's Concerts have provided an opportunity for Tulare County students to attend a live orchestra performance courtesy of the Sequoia Symphony Orchestra. Students from across the county will have the opportunity to perform alongside the orchestra as part of Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute Link Up program. Through Link Up, students in grades 3-5 spend the school year learning to play recorder instruments. Their learning culminates in the spring at the Fox Theatre as they sing, dance, and play their instruments along with the orchestra.



Link Up Program Registration Deadline: October

Virtual Link Up Program Training: October

Concert: April 19

Visalia Fox Theatre, Visalia



Contact: Kate Stover at 559-741-0809 or kate.stover@tcoe.org

Ongoing Programs

Circle J-Norris Ranch

tcoe.org/CircleJ

An outdoor campus located near SCICON, Circle J provides a wide range of field study options for grades K-12, as well as community college students. Programs are designed to expand appreciation of the environmental and aesthetic values of the outdoors and to increase understanding of the relationship between humans and nature.

Additional Family Events (pre-registration required for each)

Location: Circle J-Norris Ranch, 41893 Yokohl Valley Dr., Springville

Contact: Amanda Driver at 559-539-2263, or circlej@tcoe.org

Family Astronomy Nights

September 26, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

SCICON and Circle J Christmas Bird Count

December 14, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Planetarium and Science Center

tcoe.org/planetarium

Grades: K-8

A multimedia facility designed to provide unique and exciting learning experiences which supplement and reinforce the classroom curriculum, the Sam B. Peña Planetarium and Science Center offers a variety of programs throughout the school year at no cost to Tulare County students. Out-of-county schools may attend for a small fee. Reservations required.

For a listing of programs and shows, including evening public shows, call 559-737-6334 or visit tcoe.org/planetarium.

SCICON

tcoe.org/scicon

SCICON is the nationally-recognized outdoor science and conservation school located above Springville. Fifth- and sixth-grade students visit for one-day or week-long experiences in natural science and conservation. Students also experience SCICON's natural history museum, raptor center, planetarium and observatory, and tree nursery. Reservations required.

Contact: Dianne Shew at 559-539-2642 or visit tcoe.org/scicon.

Theatre Company OnStage Program - Now Booking

tcoe.org/theatreco/onstage

Grades: K-8

The Theatre Company provides the directors and all the resources a school needs – including costumes, props, and backdrops – to produce a 35-minute musical involving up to 50 students. The well-known children's musicals offered are ideal for after school programs, fundraisers, and more.

Contact: Bethany Rader at 559-651-1482, Ext. 3645 or bethany.rader@tcoe.org

Tulare County History of Farm Labor & Ag Museum

tularecountymuseum.org

Located within the Tulare County Museum grounds in Visalia's Mooney Grove Park, this museum houses a 60-seat theater offers a variety of TCOE-produced videos on the various ethnic groups that settled in Tulare County to farm and ranch.

Teachers are encouraged to visit the museum website to schedule visit.

Contact: Amy King at 559-624-7326 or aking1@tularecounty.ca.gov

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