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Dear Potential Volunteer,

Each year, the Tulare County Office of Education sponsors the Tulare County Academic Decathlon competition. This event promotes respect for knowledge, wholesome competition and the value of teamwork in high school students. The Decathlon is not limited to high-achieving students; it includes students from "A," "B," and "C" academic backgrounds. The Decathlon team competes in six tests of academic strength, three demonstrations of communication skills and the Super Quiz, a team event that takes place before a large audience.

As you can well imagine, this competition requires much planning, staff support and volunteer time. I invite you to be a judge in the 2012 contest. We need 60 judges total for the **Speech** and **Interview** sections of the Decathlon. Speech judges listen to and evaluate speeches presented by competing students and Interview judges assess a student's ability to present ideas and responses in a formal setting.

The speech and interview judging will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 8am to 2pm at Porterville College. We will provide a continental breakfast and lunch for you.

Enclosed is a volunteer registration form to complete and return to me, should you decide to help. Our volunteers say they feel rewarded many times over for the help they provide in making this event a success.

Feel free to contact me or Paula Terrill, Assistant Student Event Coordinator, by phone at (559) 651-3047, by e-mail at glennw@ers.tcoe.org or paulat@ers.tcoe.org, or by fax at (559) 651-0516.

I look forward to your participation in this student event.

Sincerely,



Glenn Williams
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