

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Tulare County Office of Education Announces: October Public Planetarium Presentations Feature New Show 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. showings: October 21 and 28**

*Visalia* – The public is invited to enjoy a new show at the Sam B. Peña Planetarium, which is operated by the Tulare County Office of Education. The family-oriented show – entitled *Lunar Odyssey* – is an exciting mix of astronomy, history and some of the mythology surrounding Earth’s nearest neighbor.

The Planetarium typically offers two family-oriented shows on select Friday evenings each month of the school year. The Planetarium is located on the southwest corner of West Main and Woodland Avenue in Visalia in the Educational Enrichment Center. “For nearly 30 years, thousands of Tulare County students enjoyed shows at our planetarium,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “Our new, expanded planetarium, which was completed in 2004, affords us the opportunity to share the planetarium experience with the public. It’s an educational and entertainment resource the community can be proud of.”

Planetarium shows will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and feature the following presentations:

### Friday, October 21

7:00 p.m. - Lunar Odyssey  
8:00 p.m. - Lunar Odyssey

### Friday, October 28

7:00 p.m. - Lunar Odyssey  
8:00 p.m. - The Planet Patrol: Solar System Stakeout

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## **Lunar Odyssey**

Come aboard as Trans-Lunar Tours takes you on a fantastic *Lunar Odyssey*. Throughout the trip, experts in lunar mythology, history, science, and astronomy give you a guided tour of the awesome beauty and mysteries of Earth's nearest neighbor in space.

## **The Planet Patrol: Solar System Stakeout**

Planetary Investigator Sam Snork and his assistant Elmo have been dispatched to a nearby solar system to uncover the source of some annoying T.V. transmissions. Join this dynamic duo as they use the very latest in cosmic crime solving equipment to look for leads and cruise for clues to this baffling mystery. In addition to solving the case and discovering that Sam has an allergy, you will also learn some amazing facts about our solar system. Planet Patrol is a 40-minute, family-oriented presentation.

Show tickets can be purchased at the Impact Center Office 30 minutes before show time or in advance on weekdays between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. The public can save one dollar by purchasing the two-show package. Group rates are also available. Shows start promptly on time. No late seating is offered once the planetarium doors close. For information, call 737-6334.

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