

# Tulare County Office of Education

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Peña Planetarium Offers Public Show**

**7:30 p.m. • Friday, January 11, 2008 • 2500 Burrel Ave., Visalia**

*Visalia* - The Sam B. Peña Planetarium, which is operated by the Tulare County Office of Education, is offering a showing of the second segment in the *Tulare County Night Skies* series on January 11, 2008. The show, entitled **The Hero, the Lady and the Stars of Early Winter**, combines an indoor planetarium show with outdoor stargazing. Visitors will see constellations and deep sky objects visible at this time of year and learn the mythological stories related to the star clusters. The *Tulare County Night Skies* series is produced in cooperation with the Tulare Astronomical Association and authored and narrated by the Association's president, Dave Adalian. Following a 20-minute program in the Peña Planetarium, Tulare Astronomical Association members will be available outdoors at a nearby observation site to give the audience an opportunity for some first hand stargazing using state-of-the-art telescopes. This program is recommended for older children and adults.

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The Planetarium is located on the southwest corner of West Main and Woodland Avenue in Visalia in the Educational Enrichment Center. “We are proud of the new shows developed in partnership with the Tulare Astronomical Association,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “They are a great blend of history, science and hands-on fun.”

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. No late seating is offered once the planetarium doors close. For information, call 737-6334.

For more information about the Peña Planetarium, visit [www.tcoe.org/ImpactCenter](http://www.tcoe.org/ImpactCenter).

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