

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Alert**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:  
400 middle school students scheduled to participate in annual  
Physics Day event at Tulare County Fair  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Thursday, September 11, 2008 • Tulare County Fairgrounds, Tulare**

The Tulare County Office of Education's third annual **Physics Day at the Fair** will be held Thursday, September 11 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Tulare County Fair in Tulare.

Approximately 400 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students from 12 Tulare County middle schools will participate in physics-related activities.

The event is modeled after Paramount's Great America "Physics Day" and coordinated by Jonathan Janzen, science instructional consultant for the Tulare County Office of Education, and Mike Milanesi, science coordinator for Tulare City Elementary School District. Following lunch (11:00 – 11:30 a.m.), students will receive instructions on the event's activities and then have the opportunity to move between three different stations:

**Station 1: Physics Challenges** – This station will allow groups of two to three students to create projects that test a specific physics concept.

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**Station 2: Hands-On Mini-Labs** – Led by private science consultants Tim Baker and Mike Wood, this station is designed for students to examine interesting science topics.

**Station 3: Midway Rides** – Students will ride select carnival rides to collect data using available Vernier probes or using their own homemade accelerometers.

“The event is a fun way for students to see physical concepts first-hand, and to understand the effect they have on so many aspects of our modern world,” says says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

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