

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **For Immediate Release**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Annual Tulare County Spelling Championship**

**Wednesday, February 24, 2010 • Visalia Convention Center • 8:30 a.m.**

The public is invited to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Tulare County Spelling Championship, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2010, in the Exhibit Hall of the **Visalia Convention Center** at 303 E. Acequia in downtown Visalia. At this time, over 100 public and private schools in Tulare County are sending two competitors and up to two alternates to the competition. The spellers, who are fourth-, fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders, will compete for the opportunity to become the 2010 Tulare County Spelling Champion and advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. June 2-4, 2010.

Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak and the *Visalia Times-Delta/Tulare Advance-Register* annually partner to sponsor the event. “The Tulare County Spelling Championship is every bit as exciting as the National Bee, enjoyed by millions of Americans on television. Again this year, one talented Tulare County speller will be crowned “Spelling Champion” and represent our county at the national competition in Washington, D.C.,” says Jim Vidak.

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