



2017 TCSEF BULLETIN

<http://www.tcoe.org/stemexpo>

**Tulare County
Office of Education**

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools

GOALS & MISSION

The TCSEF mission is to:

- Motivate and develop the interests of ALL students in STEM fields,
- Recognize the achievements and efforts of students in STEM,
- Encourage independent research and development in STEM, and
- Identify exemplary projects that will advance to the CA State Science and Engineering Fair.

WHO MAY ENTER

3RD – 12TH grade public, private, parochial or homeschool students in Tulare County may enter their school or district fairs. Selected projects from these Fairs are invited to apply to the Tulare County Science & Engineering Fair.

LOSS OR DAMAGE

The TCSEF or TCOE (Tulare County Office of Education) does not assume responsibility for loss of or damage to any project or project part. Note: It is advisable to have extra copies of notebooks and other printed materials.

DIVISIONS & CATEGORIES

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- Elem.: 3rd – 5th grade
- Junior: 6th – 8th grade
- Senior: 9th – 12th grade

CATEGORIES

- Life Science
- Earth and Space Science
- Physical Science: Chemistry
- Physical Science: Physics
- Engineering & Mathematics
- Behavioral and Social Sciences

2017 TCSEF DATES

- **January 13, 2017**
Deadline for 2017 School Registration
- **January 13, 2017**
Deadline for Restricted Project Compliance Form
- **February 10, 2017**
Deadline for Project Entry Forms
- **February 27, 2017**
Deadline for Abstract Form
- **March 10, 2017, 4 to 7 p.m.**
Exhibitors set up projects – TCOE Liberty Center Multipurpose Room, Visalia.
- **March 11, 2017, 7:30 to 8:15 a.m.**
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- **March 11, 2017, 8:30 – 11 a.m.**
Judges score and interview project participants.
- **March 11, 2017, 2– 3:00 p.m.**
Awards Ceremony – TCOE Liberty Center, Visalia.
- **April 24-25, 2017**
California State Science Fair

SPECIAL FEATURES

In order for a project to be considered for awards and advancement to the State Science and Engineering Fair, a detailed notebook must accompany the project. Please, see additional details in the TCSEF Handbook.

1. Each student participant will receive a “Distinguished Project Ribbon” in recognition of their contribution to the development of the scientific process.
2. Thirty “Sweepstakes” Awards will be awarded.
3. Special cash awards presented by professional societies and organizations.
4. Approximately 6 projects will go on to compete in the California State Science Fair.
5. Opportunities for schools and other groups to visit the fair.

PROJECT DISPLAYS

Displays must consist of three-section boards (wide back panel hinged to side panels which angle forward at roughly 45 degrees) of pegboard, masonite, foam-core board, hardboard or wood. Purchased commercial boards are recommended.

Board size is restricted to 4 feet wide, 2½ feet deep and 6½ feet high.

All boards and notebooks should remain on display until the conclusion of the Awards Assembly.

All projects must be collected after the Award’s Assembly. Any projects not collected will be thrown away that day.

All displays must comply with TCSEF Rules and Regulations. See the TCSEF Event Handbook at www.tcoe.org/stemexpo. Items in violation of the rules will be removed.

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