



2026 TUOLUMNE COUNTY CTE SHOWCASE & EXPO MAY 29, MOTHER LODGE FAIRGROUNDS SONORA CA



TUOLUMNE COUNTY CTE EXPO & SHOWCASE

9am-3pm schools & students
3pm-6pm open to the public
Mother Lode Fairgrounds Sonora CA.



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CTE SHOWCASE *Ask Away!*

Schools showcase their CTE programs. School counselors and coordinators are on hand to discuss course, credit and certification / dual enrollment opportunities.

CTE EXPO *Get Your Hands Dirty*

Students experiment, try equipment and solve real-world problems, learn techniques and explore different careers by interacting with professionals.

CAREER FAIR *You're Hired!*

Jump into the job pool! Employers, colleges, and training programs together under one roof. connect with the people who can help launch your future.

Life Skills Workshops *Learn to be Savvy*

Short and effective workshops that will up your game in all things career and money.

Heavy Equipment Demos *Your Future's in the Driver's Seat*

Watch massive machines in action! See skilled operators put heavy equipment to the test and discover the power, precision, and careers behind the controls.

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2026 Tuolumne County CTE Expo & Showcase

You may have heard some discussion recently about the expansion of Career Technical Education (CTE) in Tuolumne County. As part of our shared commitment to increasing meaningful career exploration opportunities for students, the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools will host the 2026 CTE Showcase and Expo on May 29 at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora. This event represents a strong partnership between our local schools, more than 200 community industry partners, and the Sonora Area Foundation, which has invested significant time, expertise, and financial support to strengthen and grow CTE programs throughout the region. Representation from each school district will highlight the diverse CTE pathways available to students, and Columbia College will be present to answer questions about CCAP courses offered at our high schools, as well as CTE pathways available after graduation. This event will be open to the public from 3 pm.- 6 pm.

Students will have the opportunity to engage directly with industry professionals through hands-on activities designed to simulate real-world problem-solving and career experiences. Each exhibitor booth will feature clear signage outlining educational requirements, certifications, internship and apprenticeship opportunities, and salary information to help students better understand potential career pathways. Large equipment demonstrations will take place in the arena, allowing attendees to see skilled operators put powerful machines to work while learning about careers in the field. A career fair and short, practical workshops focused on career readiness and financial literacy will also be available. Transportation for Tuolumne County Public Schools with a cap will be reimbursed by TCSOS, and all schools are encouraged to attend with students, faculty, and staff. To view the schedule by grade level and register for this free event, please scan the QR code. For questions, contact Shannon Oden at 209-536-2084 or soden@tcsos.us.



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MAY 29, 2026 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

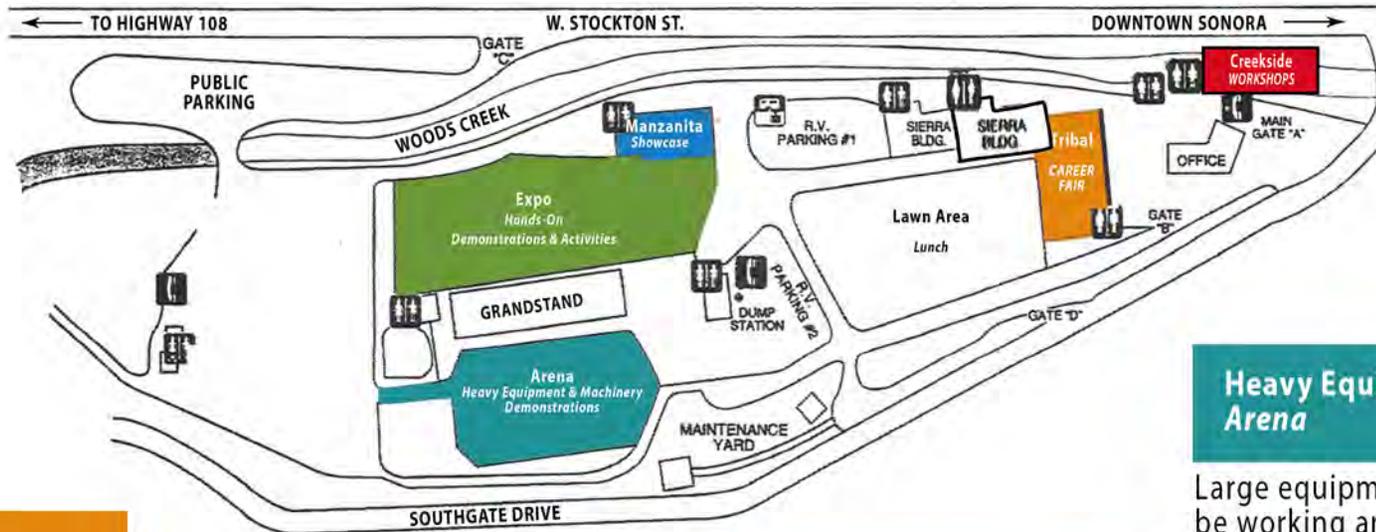
See Schedule for Grade Level and Public Access

MOTHER LODE FAIRGROUNDS SONORA, CA.

**Tuolumne County Career and Technical Education (CTE)
Showcase, Expo & Career Fair**

A Hands-On Approach to Understanding and Planning Career Growth for our Youth

Free and open to the public in the Mother Lode Region



**Career Fair
Tribal Building**

Various colleges and universities in addition to employers in all industries will be on hand to discuss career opportunities in the workforce and educate families and assist in navigating career exploration. Army, Marines, Air Force, and Navy recruiters will be in attendance showcasing their career opportunities.

**CTE & Career Fair Workshops
Creekside Building**

Short 30-minute drop-in workshops to engage and learn valuable life skills such as personal banking, networking, resume writing, communication skills, interview techniques - mock interviews, basic tax info, understanding payroll deductions and retirement planning.

**CTE Showcase
Manzanita Building**

Tuolumne County school districts showcase their CTE programs of study, CCAP classes with Columbia College, student work examples, CTSO affiliations, and pathway certification opportunities.

**CTE Expo
Behind Grandstand**

CTE industry partners and tradespeople exhibit, demonstrate and invite students to participate in hands-on experiences providing true career exploration, complete with information on education, training, certification requirements and salary potential.

**Heavy Equipment Demos
Arena**

Large equipment and machinery will be working and will demonstrate how they get the job done.

CTE EXPO SCHEDULE 2026

9 - 11 AM

4TH - 6TH GRADES

11 AM - 3 PM

7TH - 12TH GRADES

WORKSHOPS
1 PM - 6 PM

EXPO HANDS-ON

ARENA DEMOS

CAREER FAIR
1 PM - 6 PM

SHOWCASE
2 PM - 6 PM

3 - 6 PM

GENERAL PUBLIC

SET-UP WINDOW
11 AM - 12:30 PM

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12 PM - 1:30 PM

ASK AWAY

Visit with teachers and students in local CTE pathways

View materials, student work, photos and displays

Explore pathway options

Learn about clubs, competitions and Career Trade Student Organizations (CTSO's)

Parents are encouraged to attend

Meet with campus counselors

Career opportunities after completion

Certification offerings

Columbia College is on hand to promote collegiate opportunities



CTE SHOWCASE

MANZANITA BUILDING

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

OPEN TO 7TH - 12TH GRADERS

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

School districts showcase their CTE programs.

Staff members and students answer questions, students will also speak about their own experiences. School counselors and CTE coordinators are on hand to answer course, credit and certification / dual enrollment opportunities

SONORA HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

TIOGA HIGH SCHOOL

DON PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL

COLUMBIA COLLEGE

GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY

Play with ALL the things

Hands-On, immersive exploration

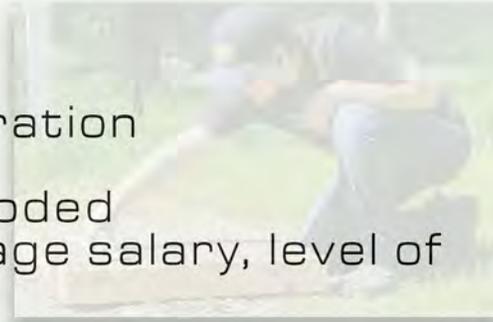
Consistent signage, color coded by pathway containing average salary, level of education required

Certification requirements

Paid training or certifications offered while on the job?

QR codes can be scanned for additional information

Find your calling



CTE EXPO

BEHIND ARENA

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

OPEN TO 4TH - 6TH GRADERS

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

OPEN TO 7TH - 12TH GRADERS

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Designed as an interactive event with professionals from industry demonstrating real work in CTE pathways. Students can experiment, try equipment and solve real-world problems, learn techniques and explore different careers by interacting with professionals, assuming an ownership role in mapping their career pathway.

YOU'RE HIRED

Jump into the Job Pool

Colleges & Universities

Healthcare & Public Safety

Skilled Trades & Construction

Technology & Engineering

Hospitality & Tourism

Agriculture & Natural Resources

Business & Finance

Creative Arts & Media

Education

Apprenticeship Programs

Trade Schools & Technical Institutes

Workforce Development Agencies

Non-Profits & Government Agencies

Military Recruiters



CTE CAREER FAIR

TRIBAL BUILDING

1 PM - 3:00 PM

OPEN TO 7TH - 12TH GRADERS

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Your future starts
here!**

Calling all students and young professionals! This CTE Career Fair brings employers, colleges, and training programs together under one roof.

Explore exciting industries, discover internships and career opportunities, and connect with the people who can help launch your future.

LEARN TO BE SAVVY

Learn **ALL** the hacks

College Applications

Student Loans and Financial Aid

Cover Letters & Confidence

Resume Wreck to Job-Ready Jet

Ace the Q&A Without the Panic Sweat

Cha-Ching 101, the Bank Account Glow Up

Net Pay = Sad Pay, Where Did My Money Go?

Health Insurance 101, Decode The Jargon

Pinterest Dreams, Ramen Budget

Chill Later, Plan Now, Future You Will Thank You

Mic Fright to Mic Drop, Public Speaking

Schmooze or Lose, Making Connections

Turbo Taxed and Emotionally Maxed

Mental Health, the Struggle is Real



CTE WORKSHOPS

CREEKSIDE BUILDING

1:00 AM - 3:00 PM

OPEN TO 7TH - 12TH GRADERS

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Short and effective workshops that will up your game in all things career and money.

College
Student Loans
Job Applications
Resumes
Interviewing
Public Speaking
Mock Interviews
Personal Banking
Payroll Deductions
Health Insurance
Budget
Networking
Income Taxes
Mock Interviews
Retirement
Mental Health

YOUR FUTURE'S IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Who needs heavy equipment? They do!

Construction Operator, Crane Operator

Pile-Driver Operator, Logging Operator

Mining Operator, Agricultural Operator

Road & Highway Worker, Demolition Specialist

Port & Dock Operator, Utility & Infrastructure Operator

Essential skills required:

Good hand–eye coordination to control big machines

Basic mechanical know-how

Strength and stamina for outdoor work

Quick problem-solving skills

Good spatial awareness (maneuvering huge machines)

Teamwork and communication

Strong commitment to safety rules

HEAVY EQUIPMENT DEMOS

ARENA

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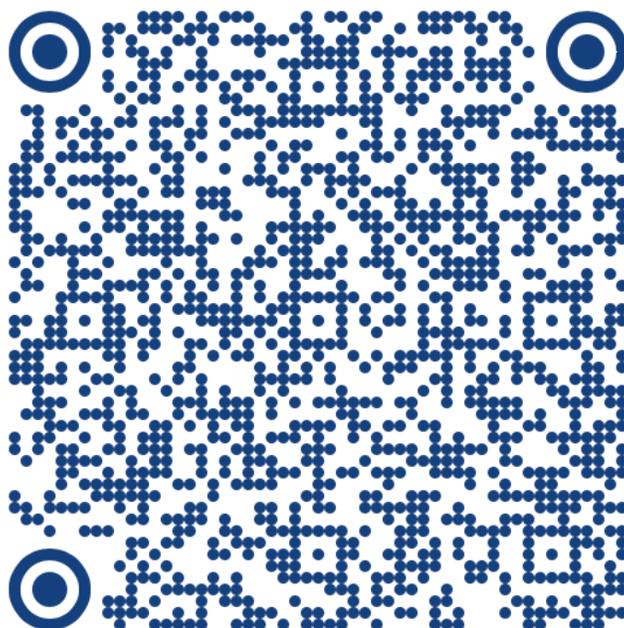
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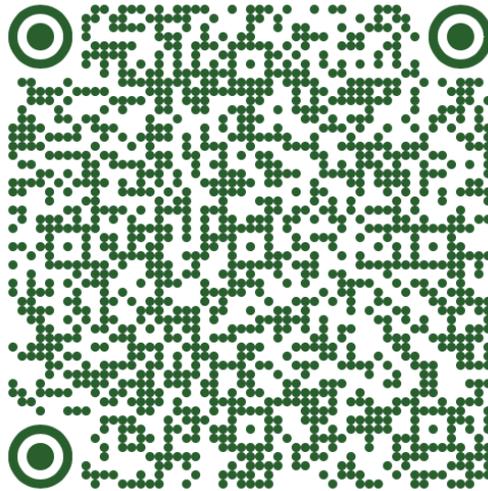
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Students & Schools Register Here



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Exhibitors Register Here



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