

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Tulare County History Day Burton Middle School – March 22, 2003, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

The Tulare County History Day event is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Burton Middle School in Porterville. This event is part of a National History Day event sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation. The competition is an exciting, project-based learning experience that allows students to apply what they learn about an historic topic by creating original productions. Students compete in six categories: historical paper, exhibit, performance, documentary, historical web site and poster.

The theme of the History Day event this year is **Rights and Responsibilities in History**. Every arena of life involves the conflict of rights and responsibilities. Students research an historic event including its historical contexts (social, cultural, intellectual, physical, political and economic). They explore its differing perspectives, its causes, effects and then draw conclusions about the impact of that event on history based on their findings. Judges examine the research for balance of perspectives and balance of types of research evidenced in the bibliography.

The History Day program is structured in a competitive format, but most important are the rewards participants gain from developing skills and new knowledge. The research, writing and communication skills that students

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improve by taking part in History Day will help them in all academic endeavors. Students will increase in self-confidence and a sense of accomplishment and pride through their efforts.

Jim Vidak and the Tulare County Office of Education are proud to sponsor this event in conjunction with the Constitutional Rights Foundation. The Tulare County Office of Education wishes to thank the many volunteers that have served as coaches, judges, and speakers for this event.

The two winners in each category are invited to join the state competition held this year in Pasadena. The state History Day event is scheduled for May 8-11.

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