

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Tulare Head Start Home-Based Program holds Year- End Carnival at Zumwalt Park Friday, June 3, 2005 • 10:00 am – Noon

Children and families in the Tulare Head Start Home Based Program will practice fire safety, receive free books and get summer safety tips at their year-end carnival at Zumwalt Park on Friday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Operated by the Tulare County Office of Education's Child Care Educational Program, the Home Based Program provides Head Start services for children 3-5 in a home setting. In addition to an education program, the program also offers health, nutrition and social services.

Participating in the carnival will be the Tulare Fire Department which will bring its smoke trailer. Children can crawl through the trailer to practice what to do in case of fire. The Tulare Library will be on hand to read stories and give out books. Home Based nurses will be showing poisonous plants and talking about health prevention and summer safety. Hillman's Health Center will be giving out information.

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The following week, the Home Based staff will begin enrollment for next year's program which begins in August. Preschoolers who are between 2.9 and 4.8 years as of September 1, 2005 are eligible. Families must meet income guidelines and other eligibility requirements. "I urge parents of children who meet the age requirements to inquire about our many Child Care programs," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. "We especially want to encourage parents who have children with special needs to contact our program."

For more information, contact the Tulare Home Based office at 686-3990.

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