

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Tulare County History Day 2008

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., March 14, 2008 ` TCOE Doe Avenue Complex, Visalia

The public is invited to attend the annual Tulare County History Day event on Friday, March 14, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Tulare County Office of Education's Doe Avenue Complex in Visalia. The complex is located at 7000 Doe Avenue, north of Goshen Avenue off of Shirk Road.

The 2008 National History Day theme is "Conflict & Compromise in History." Tulare County History Day is a showcase of original presentations by students who have researched historical issues, ideas, people and events. Students may choose any topic in local, national or world history and explore its significance relative to the annual theme.

Students compete in three grade categories: 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Students in grades 4-5 compete in the poster category only. Students in the two upper-grade categories present findings through one of the following categories: historical paper, exhibit, performance, documentary or historical

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web site. Except for the historical paper category, students may collaborate in groups of up to five students, or they may work individually. At the event, presentations are evaluated by local historians and educators who look for a balance of perspectives in the project and the types of research cited in the bibliography.

The Tulare County Office of Education is proud to sponsor this event in conjunction with the Constitutional Rights Foundation. “Through their research and analysis, History Day participants grow to understand local, state, national and international history as they produce some incredible presentations,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “Thanks to the support of many Tulare County teachers and volunteers, each year our students are able to compete successfully at the state competition.” This year, the state History Day competition will be held May 8-11, 2008, in Sacramento.

For more information contact the event coordinator, Marsha Ingraio, Instructional Consultant for History-Social Science at (559) 651-0680. More information is also available at www.tcoe.org/historyday.

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