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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Tulare County History Day 2006

Saturday, March 18, 2006 · Dinuba High School

The public is invited to attend the annual Tulare County History Day event scheduled for Saturday, March 18, 2006, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Dinuba High School located at 304 East Kern in Dinuba. The year's theme is *Taking a Stand in History, People, Ideas, Events*.

Tulare County History Day culminates a year-long education program of historical issues, ideas, people and events where students apply what they learn about an historic topic by creating an original product. Students may choose any topic in local, national, or world history to research and explore its historical significance in relation to the year's 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. Those in the two upper-grade spans analyze their findings and then present them through one of the following categories: historical paper, exhibit, performance, documentary or historical web site. Except for the paper category, students may collaborate in groups of up to five students, or they may work individually. At the event, their presentations

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are evaluated by local historians and educators who look for a balance of perspectives in the project and the types of research evidenced in the bibliography.

The Tulare County Office of Education is proud to sponsor this event in conjunction with the Constitutional Rights Foundation. “Although the History Day program is structured in a competitive format, all participants gain from developing their speaking, reading and writing skills, and from their historical research,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools, Jim Vidak. “We appreciate the fine efforts of our many volunteers who have served as coaches and judges for History Day.”

Students who are selected from the Tulare County competitions advance to the state events and potentially to the National History Day event, which occurs in June. Two winners in each category are invited to join the state competition held this year in Sacramento from May 11 – 14, at the DoubleTree Hotel.

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