

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Tulare County History Day 2007

Saturday, March 17, 2007 • Sundale Union Elementary, 13990 Ave. 240, Tulare

The public is invited to attend the annual Tulare County History Day event scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2007, from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Sundale Union Elementary School in Tulare. The year's theme is "Triumph and Tragedy in History."

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 presentation. 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. “History Day participants all grow in the areas of communication, reading and writing skills, as well as in their ability to conduct historical research,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools, Jim Vidak. “We appreciate the efforts of the teachers and volunteers who have served as coaches and judges for the students competing this year.”

For more information contact Marsha Ingrao, Instructional Consultant for History-Social Science and event coordinator at (559) 651-0680 or by email at marshai@tcoe.org. More information is also available at www.tcoe.org/historyday.

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