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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

National History Day–Tulare County tomorrow

8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., March 11 · Grace Community Church, 424 N. Lovers Ln., Visalia

The annual National History Day event will be held Tuesday, March 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Grace Community Church, 424 N. Lovers Lane in Visalia. The public is welcome to attend. This year, elementary, middle and high school students from 11 Tulare County schools will bring nearly 80 projects to the competition.

History Day is a theme-based research program that showcases 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, which for 2014 is ***Rights and Responsibilities in History***.

Students compete in three grade categories: 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Students in grades 4-5 compete in the two-dimensional 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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website. 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.

History Day will provide students with special learning experiences that extend beyond the projects they have prepared. This year, members of the Yokut Nation will attend the event to speak about their lives in the context of the theme, and to provide demonstrations of tribal art.

During the presentation of awards, event coordinator Joy Soares will also announce the winners of several scholarships to support the students as they move to the state competition April 25-27 at the Riverside Convention Center in Riverside, California.

“Students involved in History Day do a phenomenal job of preparing for the competition,” says County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “Each year, they produce awesome videos, exhibits, reenactments and websites on important aspects of local, state, national or world history.”

For more information, contact Joy Soares at (559) 651-0501. More information is also available at www.tcoe.org/historyday.

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