

Tulare County Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools

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Media Alert

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Tulare County Friday Night Live Youth Leadership Summit

Thursday, September 14, 2006 • 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. • 7000 Doe Ave., Visalia

Visalia – Over 60 middle school students and advisors will participate in the annual Youth Leadership Summit tomorrow, September 14, 2006, in the Elderwood Room of the Tulare County Office of Education's Doe Avenue Complex (7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia). The event, entitled "Discover the Leader in You," is coordinated by the CHOICES program of the Tulare County Office of Education.

CHOICES program manager Tom Byars says: "The purpose of the event is to develop young people's leadership potential." Students from 11 Tulare County middle schools will attend a full day of development activities including: leadership qualities, action plan development, event planning, bullying prevention, drug awareness and a session on CHARACTER COUNTS!.

Following the seminar, students will enjoy dinner and games at the Visalia Adventure Park from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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“The skills students gain through this leadership event can easily be applied on their own campuses,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “It’s wonderful to see how our CHOICES program works to empower young people for leadership and the promotion of healthy lifestyles.”

For more information about the Tulare County Office of Education and its programs, please call Robert Herman at (559) 733-6606. For information on this event, call Tom Byars at (559) 651-0155.

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