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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Tulare County History Day 2009

8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., March 13 · TCOE Doe Avenue Complex, Visalia

The public is invited to attend the annual Tulare County History Day event on Friday, March 13, 2009, from 8:00 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. "This will be an exciting year for History Day," says County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. "Last year, the program produced several entries that competed at the state and national History Day events. We look forward to seeing more projects of the same caliber this year."

History Day is a theme-based research program that breathes life into California Content Standards and reading/language arts themes. The broad theme for 2009 is **The Individual in History: Actions and Legacies**. 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.

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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 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. This year, the state History Day competition will be held April 30 – May 3, 2009 in Sacramento.

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

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