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SPRING 2009 FIGHT THE BITE CALENDAR CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Elk Grove, Calif.— The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District announced it's annual Fight the Bite Design a Calendar page contest for students in Sacramento and Yolo County grades K-12. In an effort to continue educating and informing the community, the contest encourages kids to use art to creatively design a page promoting the FIGHT the BITE theme and inspire everyone to practice any or all of the District 7 D's of Mosquito Prevention. "Involving the students is key in improving their knowledge about reducing mosquitoes and keeping them safe from West Nile virus," said David Brown, District Manager. "It's a fun way for kids to learn about an important topic and we encourage everyone to participate."

Students will be divided into three grade categories: K-3, 4-8 and 9-12. Calendar pages will be based on the following criteria: creativity, originality and the ability to effectively communicate one or more of the District D's of prevention. Winners in each division will be determined by a panel of judges and announced during Mosquito Awareness Week in April. Winners will receive cash prizes in the following amount: 1st place will receive \$150, 2nd place \$75, and 3rd place \$50. A total of nine prizes will be awarded. The winning entries will also be made into a calendar and used in other District ads or materials.

Contests entries are due by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, March 31st. Entries may be mailed or delivered to the following: FIGHT the BITE Calendar Contest, Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District, 8631 Bond Rd. Elk Grove, Ca. 95624. Official entry forms are available at FIGHTtheBITE.net, or to request one by mail, please call 1-800-429-1022.

The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District provides year round mosquito and vector control services. The main goal for the District is to keep the public healthy by preventing the transmission of diseases and improving the quality of life for residents.

Practice the District D's of Mosquito Prevention:

DRAIN standing water that may produce mosquitoes.

DAWN and **DUSK** are times to avoid being outdoors.

DRESS appropriately be wearing long sleeves and pants when outside.

DEFEND yourself by using an effective insect repellent. Make sure to follow label directions!

DOOR and window screens should be in good working condition.

DISTRICT personnel are also available to address any mosquito problems. Call them at 1-800-429-1022 or visit www.FIGHTtheBITE.net

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