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SAC-YOLO MOSQUITO CONTROL ANNOUNCES THE SPRING 2008 FIGHT THE BITE CALENDAR CONTEST *--Education Efforts Focus on Kids*

ELK GROVE, Calif. April 22—In an effort to educate and inform our community about mosquitoes and West Nile virus, the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District will host its **Spring 2008 FIGHT the BITE Design a Calendar Page Contest** for Sacramento and Yolo County students in grades K-12. Students are encouraged to express their creativity and create a calendar page that promotes the FIGHT the BITE theme and inspires our community to practice any or all of the 7D's of Mosquito Prevention. Through the students' involvement in the contests, the District hopes to continue educating and improving their knowledge about mosquitoes and keeping safe from West Nile virus.

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 posted online by June 6, 2008. 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 must be received by 3:00on Friday, May 16, 2008. 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 request to have one mailed to you by calling 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.

District's 7Ds of mosquito prevention:

DRAIN any standing water that may produce mosquitoes.

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

DRESS appropriately by wearing long sleeves and pants when outside.

DEFEND yourself against mosquitoes by using an effective insect repellent, such as DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus. Make sure you follow label directions!

DOOR and window screens should be in good working condition.

DISTRICT personnel are also available to address any mosquito problem you may be experiencing by calling 1-800-429-1022 or visiting the District online at FIGHTtheBITE.net

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