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Children Buzzing with Excitement: Second Annual Poster Contest Announced

Los Angeles, CA—The Greater Los Angeles Mosquito and Vector Control Public Health and Educational Foundation and the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) are proud to announce the Second Annual “Bite Back Against Mosquito Attacks” Student Poster Design Contest.

The poster design contest is open to all students in grades 4 through 6 who attend school in the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District service area. Student participants are being asked to create a poster that promotes the Foundation’s 2010-2011 theme, “How would you defend yourself against mosquitoes?” The theme should appear on the poster, and students may choose to address subject areas such as dumping and draining standing water to prevent mosquito breeding, wearing mosquito repellents to protect from mosquito bites, or avoiding outdoor activities between dusk and dawn.

Posters should be no larger than 11x17 inches and should be on heavy, white paper stock. Posters are due Friday, March 11, 2011 by 3:30 p.m. One winner will be chosen from each grade level and receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond. From the three grade-level winners, a grand prize winner will be selected and his/her artwork will be featured on the GLACVCD website, VecMobile and other promotional materials. Winners will be announced in April 2011 during California Mosquito Awareness Week.

Education Program Specialist LeShawn Simplis commented, “We are so excited about this year’s poster contest! There is nothing like watching the children’s faces light up when we talk about it in the classrooms.”

For more information, official rules and entry form, visit www.glacvcd.org or call **(562) 944-9656**.

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The Greater Los Angeles Mosquito and Vector Control Public Health and Educational Foundation: The Vector Education Foundation is a non-profit organization founded by the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District to involve elementary school students in backyard control of vectors such as mosquitoes. The GLACVCD formed the foundation in March 2001 to further advance the existing educational program and community outreach efforts. For more information concerning the foundation and its educational programs, visit www.glacvcd.org, or call **(562) 944-9656**.

The Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District: GLACVCD is a non-enterprise, independent, special district, enabled and empowered to act as a public health agency as a result of legislation incorporated in the California State Health and Safety Code. GLACVCD is one of five mosquito and vector control districts in Los Angeles County. The District serves approximately 6 million residents in a 1,330 square mile area, making GLACVCD the largest vector control district in Los Angeles County. For more information, visit www.glacvcd.org, or call **(562) 944-9656**.