

News Release

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Air Pollution
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Clean Air Kids Calendar Deadline Thursday

Sept. 25, 2006 – The deadline for submitting artwork for the 2007 Clean Air Kids Calendar this Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District produces the bilingual calendar each year.

Valley school students in kindergarten through 12th grade are eligible to enter. Artists should place the page sideways, in landscape orientation, so the paper is 8½ inches high and 11 inches wide. Artwork should be in color and contain a written clean-air message.

Messages for the 2006 calendar included: “Help those with asthma breathe better” and “Clean air means we care.” Fourteen drawings with clean-air themes will be selected for the four-color wall calendar that may feature the students’ photos. About 20,000 calendars are distributed free to schools, community groups, healthcare facilities, churches and non-profit organizations in December.

Students should include their name, address, phone number, age, grade and school on the back of the artwork and mail it flat, not folded, to 2007 Calendar Contest, Valley Air District, 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave., Fresno, CA 93726.

Entries should be postmarked by the Sept. 28 deadline or may be submitted in person at one of the District’s three offices no later than this Thursday. In addition to its Fresno headquarters, the District has offices in Modesto, at 4800 Enterprise Way, and in Bakersfield, at 2700 M St., Suite 275. All offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day through Thursday, but will be closed on Friday as employees observe an alternative schedule and work every other Friday.

The winning drawings for the 2006 calendar and more information are available on the Valley Air District website at www.valleyair.org.

Or, call the nearest office: Northern Region (209) 557-6400, Central Region, (559) 230-6000 or Southern Region, (661) 326-6900. The Valley Air District covers eight counties including San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and the valley portion of Kern.

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