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Air District seeks kids' artwork for 2006 calendar **Clean air is theme of annual art contest**

Fresno, CA - The Valley Air District calls upon young artists throughout the San Joaquin Valley to submit artwork for the 2006 Clean Air calendar. The deadline for submissions is Sept. 30.

Valley students in kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to enter the contest. Original artwork should be done in color and contain a message about ways we all can help clear the Valley's air. Artists should use white paper and place the page sideways, in landscape orientation, so the paper is 8 ½ inches high and 11 inches wide. Any media is acceptable, including crayons, watercolor, acrylics, pastels, ink or oils.

Fourteen drawings with clean-air themes will be selected and reproduced in a color calendar that is distributed free to schools, community groups, healthcare facilities, churches and non-profit organizations. Each artist will receive a supply of calendars for family and friends. At least 20,000 calendars will be distributed Valley-wide.

Entry forms and more information about ways to clean the air are available at www.valleyair.org.

Entries must include the artist's name, address, phone number, age, grade and school, and should be mailed flat in a large envelope to: Calendar Contest, Valley Air District, 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave., Fresno, CA 93726. Drawings should not be folded or stapled and must be received by the Sept. 30 deadline.

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

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