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2010 SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK POSTER AND VIDEO CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

LAKE BUENA VISTA- -Florida emergency management officials today joined Radio Disney and partners to announce the winners of the annual Severe Weather Awareness Week poster and video PSA contests during ceremonies at Downtown Disney in Lake Buena Vista.

“This is an excellent way to celebrate the fine work of our future leaders,” said David Halstead, interim director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management. “This week is dedicated to helping all Floridians understand and prepare for natural hazards they may face in the Sunshine State.”

More than 400 students statewide participated in the poster and video Public Service Announcement (PSA) contests, through a partnership with the American Red Cross and Radio Disney. The top finalists’ artwork will be displayed in the halls of the State Emergency Operations Center during the first two weeks of February.

The first place winner of the poster contest is Bayley Goodson, a 5th grade student at Gilchrist Elementary School in Tallahassee. The first place winner received year-round passes to Walt Disney World Parks for a family of four and an "All-Hazards" Weather Radio.

The video PSA contest winners in the middle school category are Adam and Daniel Carr, 6th and 8th grade home- schooled students from Tampa. The senior high winners are Aaron Santos, Stephanie Widajaja, Delmar Halford, Darren Domingo, 12th grade students at Sandalwood High School in Jacksonville. The video contest group winners received year-round passes to Walt Disney World Parks for a family of up to four and an "All-Hazards" Weather Radio.

The student contests are part of an annual public awareness campaign by the Florida Division of Emergency Management and Radio Disney together with sponsorship from the American Red Cross, the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes, the Florida Association of Broadcasters, the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association, i.d.e.a.s. and Midland Radio Corporation.

For more information on the 2010 Severe Weather Awareness Week please go to www.FloridaDisaster.org.
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Poster Contest Winners:
1st Place: Bayley Goodson
Age 10, 5th Grade
Gilchrist Elementary, Tallahassee

2nd Place: Isaiah Springer
Age 11, 5th Grade
Florida State University School, Tallahassee

3rd Place: Ambar Calle
Age 10, 4th Grade
Coconut Grove Elementary, Coconut Grove

Video PSA Contest Winners:
6-8th Grade (Middle School): Daniel and Adam Carr
Home-schooled, Tampa

9-12th Grade (Senior High): Aaron Santos, Stephanie Widajaja, Delmar Halford and Darren Domingo
Sandalwood High School, Jacksonville

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