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**County Health Department Sponsors Environmental Poster Contest**  
*“Travel Green, Travel Clean!” is Theme of 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Contest*

**PITTSBURGH** – The Allegheny County Health Department is sponsoring its 15th annual environmental poster contest for students in grades 6-8.

The theme of this year’s contest is **“Travel Green, Travel Clean!”** and meant to convey that some ways of getting around are “greener” than others and can help keep the environment clean.

Cars can contribute to air pollution, so reducing the number of cars on the road is an easy way to help keep the environment clean. Riding a bike instead of taking short car rides is one easy and healthy option, and taking the bus or carpooling with friends can also help reduce the number of cars on the road.

Students are being asked to depict how they can help keep the environment clean by “traveling green,” and how they can encourage family and friends to help cut down on pollution.

“Our contest aims to promote a greater appreciation of our environment and lead students to a career path or long-lasting interest in environmental protection,” said Health Director Dr. Karen Hacker.

The deadline for entries is April 11, 2014. The top three winning students will receive a \$75 gift card to Barnes and Noble, and teachers of winning students will receive a \$50 gift card to Staples.

Winners will be announced and honored in conjunction with Earth Day celebrations on April 22, and the winning posters will be displayed on the Health Department’s web site.

Teachers who would like to have their classes participate in the poster contest should contact the Health Department for details.

For additional information and entry forms, please visit the Health Department’s environmental poster contest web site at <http://www.achd.net/air/postercontest.html> or contact Alaina Conner of the Health Department’s Air Quality Program at **412-578-8106** or [aconner@achd.net](mailto:aconner@achd.net).

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