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## **Community Members Help Name Our Mosquito Mascot**

Oklahoma City, Okla. – Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD) announcing today that after weeks of community and employee input that we've selected a name for our mosquito mascot as part of the Fight the Bite Campaign across the county.

OCCHD Public Health Protection Director Phil Maytubby said, "We are happy to announce the name is Tito the Mosquito. 180 names were suggested by the public and we narrowed the list down to four finalists. Tito was selected by our OCCHD employees."

The student winner of a one-hundred-dollar gift card from <u>Oklahoma's Credit</u> <u>Union</u> is Derek Ponce, a seventh grader from Edmond. Tito Reminds Everyone to Use 3-D's and a "P" of mosquito safety:

- 1. DRAIN standing water on your property so mosquitoes wont' breed
- 2. Use DEET repellent on your clothes
- 3. DRESS in long sleeves and pants
- 4. PROTECT limit outside exposure and check window screens

West Nile symptoms include fever, headache, body ache, and sometimes a rash. The most susceptible are infants, the elderly and those with weakened immune systems. If symptoms are severe, please contact your doctor immediately.

For more information, please visit <u>https://www.occhd.org/eng/consumer-</u> protection/mosquito-control or click the icons below to follow us on social media.

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