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SWAT Creates Havoc in Mosquito Population

Mosquitoes, gnats, flies, no-see-ums and other dangerous biting insects are on the run: SWAT Mosquito Systems, a licensed South-Florida pest control company, has an effective, fully automated, convenient, safe and highly effective system to destroy these annoying summer visitors.

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It is that time of the year again, and mosquitoes are back! Only this time, there is a new sheriff in town. SWAT Mosquito Systems --the local company founded by Steve Jenkins, Damon Cook and Wylie Davis-- has an innovative solution for homeowners decided to enjoy all-year-long their gardens. Many of our residents have seen their screen enclosures fly away during the last storms, and are looking forward to a very expensive bill for replacement (from \$13,000 to \$25,000 and up, according to the latest reports). SWAT solution consists of the installation of a special device that sprays organic pesticides around the backyard through a misting system installed along the eaves, bushes and fences making screens a thing of the past. And what is more important, it works! Approximately 72 mosquito species will be ready for this summer's intense rainy season.

The company installs a custom-built misting system of sprays, strategically located and concealed around the perimeter of a home. Pyrethrum, a safe solution naturally derived from chrysanthemums, is "misted" for

about 45 seconds three to four times a day, directly affecting the nervous system of biting insects – killing rather than repelling them. SWAT also offers a Rosemary-based solution made up of essential plant extracts and oils; it is the company's 100 percent USDA National Organic Compliant alternative. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has approved both of the company's misting solutions.

The National Garden Association



Mosquitoes beware! SWAT Team: President Steve Jenkins with co-founders Damon Cook and Wylie Davis

(NGA) says that gardening is instrumental to the development of healthy kids. When kids have a chance to garden, their attitudes toward food and wellness change, they feel stimulated to perform better in school and develop life skills such as teamwork and personal responsibility.

ity. "The truly effective method for killing and controlling the mosquito popu-

lation is to create a barrier around the home," says Steve Jenkins, president of SWAT Mosquito Systems. "Since many homeowners are deciding not to replace their damaged screens, SWAT creates a dependable shield encouraging customers to enjoy a mosquitoand insect-free cookout or gettogether in the privacy of their own homes." Jen-

kins was instrumental in establishing the first broad-scale mosquito misting system in the Texas market, and now brings his expertise to residents and businesses in South Florida. With more than a year's wait for a new patio screen, the SWAT misting system will prove beneficial to South Florida customers since the state's largest insurance companies have asked state regulators to allow them to remove screen enclosures and carports from their basic policies. "The ability to repel and kill mosquitoes, no-see-ums and other biting insects will be very important this summer, especially given the dangerous nature of West Nile Virus and other diseases carried by insects," said



Wayne Hunton, certified pest control operator for SWAT Mosquito Systems. "Homeowners love the SWAT misting system because it is effective and convenient, unlike other repellent options that have not been proven to work, and involve spraying chemicals on clothing and skin."

"With the money I saved from not replacing my screen, I added new landscaping and can actually enjoy my lake



view home," said Linda Donahue, satisfied homeowner. "And thanks to SWAT Mosquito Systems, I no longer worry about mosquitoes invading my backyard." For years, millions of people have been investing in and struggling with a variety of ineffective repellent products. Media outlets have recently reported that

people spent approximately \$100 million on mosquito repellent products last year, according to ACNielsen, the world's leading marketing information provider. The solution has a complete guarantee: *"We offer the most comprehensive guarantee in the business. Our lifetime warranty covers all parts and labor for full service customers. If you are not fully satisfied with the system within 120 days of installation, we will remove the system and give you a complete refund,"* said Damon Cook, co-founder of SWAT Mosquito Systems.

For more information call 1-866-900-SWAT or visit www.swatmosquitosystems.com

Key Biscayne families can make a difference and learn German culture

In June, Germany played host to the Soccer World Cup. In August, Academic Year in America (AYA) is looking for Key Biscayne area families to play host to Germany.

This year, AYA is bringing hundreds of German high school students to the U.S. to learn about American culture while living with volunteer host families and studying at high schools across the nation. Key Biscayne area families have the unique opportunity to learn about the German culture during this mutually rewarding exchange.

With many students available as well as an enhanced online matching system, AYA can help families find the ideal student for their home. The result is an enriching, lifelong relationship with a young person from abroad. In addition, for families looking to learn more about the German culture or language, hosting a student is a fantastic way to experience Germany without leaving home.

Students are ages 15 to 18 1/2 and arrive with full medical insurance, spending money, and the hopes of experiencing life in America through the eyes of a caring host family. The students stay with their host for five or 10 months and attend the local high school.

Who can host a German student through AYA? According to AYA's Program Development Director Kim Van Cleave, an important aspect of the AYA program is that there are many types of people who can host.

"Just as there is no typical American family, there is no typical host family," Van Cleave remarks. "Retirees, single parents and young couples are all able to give an international student a good home. Some host families may not even have children of their own. Bringing a German student into your home can mean giving the gift of culture to yourself, your family, your community—whomever would benefit from exposure to a new culture."

AYA is sponsored by the American Institute For Foreign Study (AIFS) Foundation which was established in 1967 with the assistance of the late Senator Robert Kennedy. The mission of the AIFS Foundation is to help young people from many nations and diverse cultures to understand each other better. The Foundation's high school division, Academic Year in America, has been in operation since 1981 and has enabled more than 20,000 students from over 40 countries to live with host families in the USA while attending high school.

To learn more about hosting a German exchange student with AYA, contact Kelley Quigley at (800) 322-4678 x 5164 or e-mail kquigley@aifs.org.