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**FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL VULTURE AWARENESS DAY ON SEPTEMBER 7**

*Fresno, CA* –Fresno Chaffee Zoo will join conservation groups across the world to celebrate International Vulture Awareness Day on Saturday, September 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Guests will enjoy activities designed to help them learn about these often-misunderstood scavengers. Activities will include bird-of-prey bio facts, animal coloring sheets, and scavenger hunts.

A highlight of the event will be a special keeper talk at 10:30 a.m. at the condor exhibit presented by the Zoo’s bird care team. “With 16 of 23 vulture species listed as Threatened, Endangered or Critically Endangered, we want to educate people about the critical role vultures play in ecosystems,” said Jennifer Wesson, Bird and Program Animal Curator, “This is a fun opportunity for us to share how interesting and exciting these birds are with our community.”

In addition to the activities, guests will have the opportunity to purchase a Vulture Adopt-An-Animal package for \$40 (a discount of \$10 off regular price). This promotional offer will only be available on the day of the event and 50% of sales will benefit California condor nest guarding programs.

*"Fresno Chaffee Zoo inspires wonder of our natural world, provides an engaging learning environment, and creates a passion for conservation."*

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