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FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO TO HOST 2017 SERVICE SYSTEMS ASSOCIATES CHEF CONFERENCE

Fresno, *CA* – Fresno Chaffee Zoo is honored to host the 2017 Service Systems Associates (SSA) 2017 Chef Conference on May 16-18. Service Systems Associates operates dining, catering and retail at more than 50 zoos, museums, aquariums, botanical gardens and other attractions across the United States.

More than 32 chefs from all over the United States will travel to Fresno to network and learn about the newest techniques in food service.

The finale of the SSA's largest annual chef conference will be an Iron Chef-style cook off, with chefs competing for the special first place trophy, on Thursday, May 18 at 6 p.m. Judges for this competition will include District Attorney, Lisa Smittcamp; City Council President, Clint Olivier; CBS 47's Anthony Bailey; KSEE24's George Takata and ABC30's Cory James. This event is not open to the public.

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