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Nicole Presley – General Curator – Fresno Chaffee Zoo

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VALLEY FARM EXPERIENCE RETURNS TO FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO Open August 6th

FRESNO (August 5, 2024) – Fresno Chaffee Zoo is thrilled to announce its return of the Valley Farm experience on August 6. The new area offers guests a meaningful and interactive experience that reflects the invaluable agricultural productivity and heritage of the Central Valley.

"I think it's fabulous that we can give kids an experience to not only see our lions, our tigers, our bears and giraffes, but also the animals you can find out in our community when you go outside our neighborhoods," said Nicole Presley, General Curator at Fresno Chaffee Zoo. "Giving kids that chance to touch a goat or a farm animal they have never experienced before allows them to make that connection to wildlife and wild spaces."

Fresno Chaffee Zoo is committed to the communities that make up this beautiful and diverse Valley. The experience will showcase three species of goats that are heritage breed species, historically found in the Valley and very important to our agricultural community. The reimagined addition will also have two different species of heritage breed chickens in our newly renovated chicken coop.

Guest will be able to come into an expanded yard space and interact with our goats and chickens. Orchards have been planted around our Valley Farm with a community garden area that also highlights the importance of agriculture in our community.

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Centrally located in Fresno, California, Fresno Chaffee Zoo is a 39-acre <u>Association of Zoos and Aquariums</u> (AZA) accredited zoo. It is home to over 200 different species and features WOW exhibits—from Sea Lion Cove to African Adventure—that teach guests about animals all across the globe and the conservation efforts to protect them. The Zoo welcomes over 800,000 guests annually, offering a world-class guest experience and conservation education to all who visit. The mission of Fresno Chaffee Zoo is to inspire people to care for animals, create connections, build community, and save wildlife.

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