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**SANTA PAWS AT FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO**

FRESNO, Ca. – On Saturday, December 13, Zoo staff will celebrate the holidays by giving presents to the animals in their care. These specially wrapped gifts of food will be delivered throughout the day during the Fresno Chaffee Zoo's Santa Paws enrichment event. The Zoo's enrichment program is designed to stimulate natural behaviors in the animals such as foraging and play. Elephants, orangutans, tigers and birds will be among the animals that will get a chance to rip the wrapping off tasty treats. Zoo visitors can pick up a schedule of feedings as they enter the Zoo's wild wonderland on December 13.

10:00	Orangutans and Siamangs
10:30	Australian Aviary Birds
11:00	Peccaries and Kangaroos
11:30	Red Ruffed Lemurs
12:00	Brown Bear
12:30	Coati
1:00	Asian Elephants
1:30	Tigers
2:00	Birds of Prey
2:30	Colobus Monkeys and Binturongs

*Fresno Chaffee Zoo is open every day of the year from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission during regular Zoo hours is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children 2-11 and seniors 62+, and children under 2 and Fresno Chaffee Zoo members are free. The mission of Fresno Chaffee Zoo is to provide a fun, unique and up-close experience that strengthens the bond between people and wildlife. The Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).*

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